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S. RES. 659

Designating September 27, 2008, as Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Day.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 15, 2008

Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mr. BIDEN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

SEPTEMBER 25 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 17), 2008

Reported by Mr. LEAHY, without amendment

SEPTEMBER 26 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 17), 2008

Considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

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Whereas treatment and long-term recovery from substance use disorders can offer a renewed outlook on life for those who are addicted and their family members;

Whereas more than 23,000,000 people in the United States struggle with substance use disorders;

Whereas people who receive treatment for substance use disorders can lead more productive and fulfilling lives, personally and professionally;

Whereas studies have consistently found that treatment is essential for people to be successful in their paths of recovery;

Whereas real stories of long-term recovery can inspire others to ask for help and improve their own lives, the lives of their families, and the entire community;

Whereas it is critical that we educate our community members that substance use disorders are treatable chronic diseases, and that by reaching out to those who suffer from these disorders we can improve the quality of life for the entire community;

Whereas, to help achieve this goal, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependency, the Partnership for a Drug-Free America, and A&E Television Networks, along with thousands of people from across the country, will hold a Recovery Rally on the Brooklyn Bridge and in City Hall Park in New York City on September 27, 2008; and

Whereas the Recovery Rally will be part of National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates September 27, 2008, as Alcohol
3 and Drug Addiction Recovery Day; and

4 (2) calls upon the people of the United States
5 to observe this day with appropriate programs, ac-
6 tivities, and ceremonies.

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