

the rates to be much higher than originally expected. This report will help the CDC to provide a more comprehensive picture of cerebral palsy and advance efforts to provide better services for these children.

Raising awareness of cerebral palsy is integral in the fight against this debilitating condition. I encourage my colleagues to work with Senator CASEY and me to designate March 25, 2008 as "National Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day."

Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, I am proud to submit, along with Senator SPECTER, this resolution declaring March 25 as National Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day. With this resolution, it is my hope that we can increase education and public awareness about cerebral palsy among the general public and the medical community.

Cerebral palsy, commonly referred to as CP, is not one disorder but many. It includes any number of neurological disorders that may appear in infancy or early childhood and permanently affect body movement and the muscle coordination necessary to maintain balance and posture. CP is caused by damage to one or more specific areas of the brain, usually occurring during fetal development, or before or during birth or shortly thereafter.

Although most children with CP are born with it, it is often not detected until months or years later. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate that about 10,000 babies will develop cerebral palsy each year in the United States. According to the March of Dimes, about 2 to 3 children per 1,000 have cerebral palsy.

An estimated 800,000 people in the United States have CP. The average lifetime cost of cerebral palsy is estimated at nearly \$1.5 million. This includes expenses associated with additional doctor visits, speech and physical therapy, surgery, prescription drugs, transportation, emergency room visits, residential care, and other needed expenses. Children with cerebral palsy need much more attention than other children do. They have special needs for movement, interaction, and communication and require daily assistance and therapy. Many times, parents do not know where to turn.

Clearly, children and families affected by cerebral palsy need our help, our understanding, and resources for research and treatment. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have recently released information showing that the incidence of cerebral palsy is increasing and the rate is now about 1 in 278 children. While we presently have no cure for cerebral palsy, we do have treatments that will do much to improve a child's abilities to live the fullest life possible. Most children with CP have the capacity for intellectual and emotional development, sometimes far beyond what others may expect of them. Life may be more challenging and stressful, but that should not prevent these children from getting

all the help and resources we can offer them and their families.

Scientists and researchers are hopeful that we will achieve a breakthrough in treating cerebral palsy. But to do so, we must make this disorder a priority in our research and medical communities.

Every child and adult with cerebral palsy faces unique challenges and their treatment and therapy must be tailored to meet their own unique needs. But they do have one thing in common—they all share an intrinsic value and worth as human beings and children of God, equal to the value and worth of any other human being on this Earth. Many times, individuals with disabilities in one area have great gifts in other areas. With loving attention and care—and with more research into treatments and assistive resources—individuals with cerebral palsy can access their own unique gifts and full potential. Increasing public awareness about CP can help the general public to understand the contributions such individuals have to make to their families, communities and our society at large.

It is my fervent hope that this resolution will help Americans to understand and recognize the importance of assisting our fellow citizens who have cerebral palsy, of providing support for their family members and research dollars for foundations and leading Government agencies.

SENATE RESOLUTION 485—RELATIVE TO THE DEATH OF HOWARD METZENBAUM, FORMER UNITED STATES SENATOR FOR THE STATE OF OHIO

Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. BROWN, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BOND, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BURR, Mr. BYRD, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. COLEMAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. DODD, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. GREGG, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. INOUE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KYL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. REED, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. SMITH, Ms.

SNOWE, Mr. SPECTER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WEBB, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. WYDEN) submitted the following resolution:

S. RES. 485

Whereas Howard Metzenbaum served the people of Ohio with distinction for 8 years in the Ohio State Legislature;

Whereas Howard Metzenbaum served the people of Ohio with distinction for 18 years in the United States Senate;

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow and deep regret the announcement of the death of the Honorable Howard Metzenbaum, former member of the United States Senate.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit an enrolled copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That when the Senate recesses today, it stand in recess as a further mark of respect to the memory of the Honorable Howard Metzenbaum.

SENATE RESOLUTION 486—TO CONGRATULATE THE X PRIZE FOUNDATION FOR THEIR EFFORTS TO INSPIRE A NEW GENERATION OF VIABLE, SUPER-EFFICIENT VEHICLES THAT COULD HELP BREAK THE ADDICTION OF THE UNITED STATES TO OIL AND STEM THE EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE THROUGH THE AUTOMOTIVE X PRIZE COMPETITION

Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. ENSIGN, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mrs. LINCOLN) submitted the following resolution;

S. RES. 486

Whereas the United States is heavily dependent on foreign sources of oil that are concentrated in tumultuous countries and regions;

Whereas the national security and economic prosperity of the United States demand that the United States moves toward a sustainable energy future;

Whereas the ability of foreign governments to assert great control over oil production allows unfriendly regimes to use energy exports as leverage against the United States and allies of the United States;

Whereas continued reliance on the use of greenhouse gas intensive-fuel may have significant economic and political impacts as the effects of global climate change take hold;

Whereas the transportation sector is heavily dependent on oil, which makes the people of the United States vulnerable to oil price fluctuation and is a major source of greenhouse gas emissions;

Whereas many promising technologies exist that could lead to a breakthrough vehicle that will meet the need for sustainable transportation;

Whereas breakthroughs are often achieved by the free market fueling the entrepreneurial spirit of inventors and investors;

Whereas the Automotive X PRIZE is a private, independent, technology-neutral competition being developed by the X PRIZE Foundation to inspire a new generation of viable, super-efficient vehicles that could help break the addiction of the United States to oil and stem the effects of climate change; and

Whereas the Automotive X PRIZE will award a multi-million dollar purse to teams that can design, build, and demonstrate production-capable vehicles that achieve 100 miles per gallon of fuel or an equivalent: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Senate that the Senate—

(1) commends the leadership of the X PRIZE Foundation for their efforts to inspire a new generation of viable, super-efficient vehicles that could help break the addiction of the United States to oil and stem the effects of climate change through the Automotive X PRIZE competition;

(2) congratulates the X PRIZE Foundation on the innovation and vision of the Foundation to bring together some of the finest minds in government, nongovernment, institutions of higher education, and industry to advise and participate in the Automotive X PRIZE competition; and

(3) applauds the ongoing commitment of the X PRIZE Foundation for encouraging solutions to some of greatest challenges facing humanity, as exemplified in the Automotive X PRIZE.

SENATE RESOLUTION 487—DESIGNATING MARCH 22, 2008, AS NATIONAL REHABILITATION COUNSELORS APPRECIATION DAY

Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself and Ms. LANDRIEU) submitted the following resolution:

S. RES. 487

Whereas rehabilitation counselors conduct assessments, provide counseling, support to families, and plan and implement rehabilitation programs for those in need;

Whereas the purpose of the professional organizations in rehabilitation is to promote the improvement of rehabilitation services available to persons with disabilities through quality education and rehabilitation research for counselors;

Whereas the various professional organizations, including the National Rehabilitation Association (NRA), Rehabilitation Counselors and Educators Association (RCEA), the National Council on Rehabilitation Education (NCRE), the National Rehabilitation Counseling Association (NRCA), the American Rehabilitation Counseling Association (ARCA), the Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification (CRCC), the Council of State Administrators of Vocational Rehabilitation (CSAVR), and the Council on Rehabilitation Education (CORE) have stood firm to advocate up-to-date education and training and the maintenance of professional standards in the field of rehabilitation counseling and education;

Whereas on March 22, 1983, Martha Walker of Kent State University, who was President of the NCRE, testified before the Subcommittee on Select Education of the House of Representatives, and was instrumental in bringing to the attention of Congress the need for rehabilitation counselors to be qualified; and

Whereas the efforts of Martha Walker led to the enactment of laws that now require rehabilitation counselors to have proper credentials in order to provide a higher level of quality service to those in need: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates March 22, 2008, as National Rehabilitation Counselors Appreciation Day; and

(2) commends all of the hard work and dedication that rehabilitation counselors provide to individuals in need and the numerous efforts that the multiple professional

organizations have made to assisting those who require rehabilitation.

SENATE RESOLUTION 488—DESIGNATING THE WEEK BEGINNING MARCH 16, 2008, AS “NATIONAL SAFE PLACE WEEK”

Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. BAYH, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BUNNING, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. DODD) submitted the following resolution; which was:

S. RES. 488

Whereas the youths of the United States will be the future bearers of the bright torch of democracy;

Whereas youths need a safe haven from various negative influences, such as child abuse, substance abuse, and crime, and youths need to have resources readily available to assist them when faced with circumstances that compromise their safety;

Whereas the United States needs increased numbers of community volunteers acting as positive influences on the youths of the Nation;

Whereas the Safe Place program is committed to protecting the youths of the United States, the Nation's most valuable asset, by offering short term safe places at neighborhood locations where trained volunteers are available to counsel and advise young people seeking assistance and guidance;

Whereas the Safe Place program combines the efforts of the private sector and non-profit organizations to reach young people in the early stages of crisis;

Whereas the Safe Place program provides a direct way to assist programs in meeting performance standards relative to outreach and community relations, as set forth in the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5701 et seq.);

Whereas the Safe Place placard displayed at businesses within communities stands as a beacon of safety and refuge to at-risk youths;

Whereas more than 900 communities in 41 States make the Safe Place program available at nearly 16,000 locations;

Whereas more than 200,000 youths have gone to Safe Place locations to get help when faced with crisis situations and have received counseling by phone as a result of Safe Place information the youths received at school;

Whereas, through the efforts of Safe Place coordinators across the United States, each year more than 500,000 students learn in a classroom presentation that the Safe Place program is a resource they can turn to if they encounter an abusive or neglectful situation, and 1,000,000 Safe Place information cards are distributed; and

Whereas increased awareness of the Safe Place program will encourage more communities to establish Safe Place locations for the youths of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates the week of March 16 through March 22, 2008, as “National Safe Place Week”; and

(2) calls upon the people of the United States and interested groups to—

(A) promote awareness of, and volunteer involvement in, the Safe Place program; and

(B) observe the week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

SENATE RESOLUTION 489—DESIGNATING APRIL 2008 AS PUBLIC RADIO RECOGNITION MONTH

Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. LEAHY) submitted the following resolution:

S. RES. 489

Whereas the mission of public radio is to create a more informed public—one that is challenged and invigorated by a deeper understanding and appreciation of events, ideas, and cultures;

Whereas the programming and content created and distributed by public radio is based upon three core values—qualities of mind, qualities of heart and qualities of craft—and exemplifies the inherent meaning of localism by placing value and financial investment in local and regional assets to gather and distribute a collection of programming that informs and improves community;

Whereas public radio is known for distinctive, award-winning programming including Morning Edition, All Things Considered, A Prairie Home Companion, Marketplace, Speaking of Faith, and This American Life;

Whereas the United States' more than 800 public radio stations serve every State and every congressional district with news, information, cultural, and music programming that is unique to free radio;

Whereas some 33 million Americans listen each week to public radio programming;

Whereas the public radio audience has doubled in the past 15 years and increased by some 70 percent in the past decade;

Whereas public radio stations are licensed by community foundations, colleges, universities, school boards, libraries, and other local non-profit entities;

Whereas public radio stations are locally licensed, locally staffed, and locally programmed, and tailor their programming to meet the needs of local audiences;

Whereas public radio stations receive, on average, more than 85 percent of their annual funding from local sources;

Whereas public radio's public service also finds expression through a deep, rich music discovery, education and enrichment experience—both for its audience and for performers, singer-songwriters, musicians, lyricists, and composers—which places the highest emphasis on a value partnership with performers to bring all facets of music into the lives of its audience in a way that is found nowhere else;

Whereas public radio has preserved and enhanced the archetypal musical formats of American music history—jazz, classical, folk, blue grass, the blues, Celtic—and regards these formats as the priceless family treasures of public radio's musical foundations;

Whereas public radio is responding to its commitment to community and fact-based journalism with several initiatives including the Local News Initiative, a national effort to increase public radio's service to communities through investments in station capacity to provide in-depth, serious, and balanced news and Public Insight Journalism, a pioneering concept that uses citizens to help cover the news by sharing their observations, knowledge, and expertise;

Whereas public radio has embraced digital broadcasting technology because of its inherently inclusive nature and potential to expand public service programming; and

Whereas public radio exists to serve the public interest: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the month of April 2008 shall be known as Public Radio Recognition Month, during which time all of America's public radio stations shall be celebrated for