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Supporting and recognizing the achievements of the family planning services programs operating under title X of the Public Health Service Act.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. KERRY, Mr. WYDEN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

RESOLUTION

Supporting and recognizing the achievements of the family planning services programs operating under title X of the Public Health Service Act.

Whereas 2010 marks the 40th anniversary of the family planning services programs operating under title X of the Public Health Service Act which has for 40 years provided low-income people in the United States access to contraceptive services, supplies, and information regardless of their ability to pay for these services;

Whereas a 2009 report from the Institute of Medicine echoed the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's finding that, "family planning is one of the most significant public health achievements of the twentieth century";

Whereas the family planning services programs operating under title X are the only dedicated source of Federal funding for family planning services in the United States;

Whereas, in 2008, 17,400,000 people were in need of publicly funded services and supplies;

Whereas, in 2008, title X-funded family planning providers worked tirelessly to serve over 5,000,000 low-income men and women;

Whereas publicly supported family planning services, such as those provided by title X, help to prevent 1,500,000 unintended pregnancies each year;

Whereas the contribution of family planning services in assisting women in the planning and spacing of their pregnancies is linked to a reduction in infant mortality;

Whereas every dollar spent to provide services in the nationwide network of publicly funded family planning clinics saves \$3.74 in Medicaid-related costs;

Whereas title X funds allow health centers to provide an array of confidential preventive health services, including contraceptive services, pelvic exams, pregnancy testing, screening for cervical and breast cancer, screening for high blood pressure, anemia, and diabetes, screening for STDs, including HIV, basic infertility services, health education, and referrals for other health and social services;

Whereas, in 2008, title X centers provided over 2,200,000 Pap tests and over 2,300,000 clinical breast exams; and

Whereas women who have access to family planning services have better health outcomes: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

1 (1) acknowledges the family planning services
2 programs operating under title X of the Public
3 Health Service Act as a critical component of the
4 United States public health care system, providing
5 high-quality family planning services and other pre-
6 ventive health care to low-income or uninsured indi-
7 viduals who may otherwise lack access to health
8 care;

9 (2) recognizes family planning providers at
10 Title X health centers who work tirelessly to provide
11 quality care to millions of low-income women and
12 men in the United States; and

13 (3) supports the mission of the family planning
14 services programs operating under title X which pro-
15 vide men and women the opportunity to maintain
16 their reproductive health which contributes to the
17 health, social, and economic well-being of families in
18 the United States.

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