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# S. RES. 149

Supporting the goals and ideals of World Malaria Day.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 2, 2017

Mr. WICKER (for himself and Mr. COONS) submitted the following resolution;  
which was considered and agreed to

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## RESOLUTION

Supporting the goals and ideals of World Malaria Day.

Whereas April 25 of each year is recognized internationally  
as World Malaria Day;

Whereas malaria is a leading cause of death and disease in  
many developing countries, despite being preventable and  
treatable;

Whereas fighting malaria is in the national interest of the  
United States because reducing the risk of malaria pro-  
tects members of the Armed Forces and other people of  
the United States serving overseas in malaria-endemic re-  
gions, and reducing malaria deaths helps to lower risks  
of instability in less developed countries;

Whereas United States support for efforts to fight malaria—  
(1) is in the diplomatic and moral interests of the  
United States;

(2) generates goodwill toward the United States; and  
(3) highlights the values of the people of the United States through the work of governmental, nongovernmental, and faith-based organizations of the United States;

Whereas, in 2015, 91 countries and areas had ongoing malaria transmissions;

Whereas nearly  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the population of the world is at risk for malaria, with sub-Saharan African carrying a disproportionately high burden, with 90 percent of malaria cases and 92 percent of malaria deaths in the world;

Whereas young children and pregnant women are particularly vulnerable to, and disproportionately affected by, malaria;

Whereas malaria greatly affects the health of children, since children under the age of 5 account for an estimated 70 percent of malaria deaths each year;

Whereas the World Malaria Report 2016 by the World Health Organization states that, in 2015, approximately 429,000 people died of malaria, which is a 50-percent decrease since 2000;

Whereas the United States Government has played a leading role in the recent progress made toward reducing the global burden of malaria, particularly through the President's Malaria Initiative and the contribution of the United States to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria; and

Whereas the United States Government is pursuing a comprehensive approach to ending malaria deaths through the President's Malaria Initiative, which is led by the United States Agency for International Development and implemented with assistance from the Centers for Dis-

ease Control and Prevention, the Department of State, the Department of Health and Human Services, the National Institutes of Health, the Department of Defense, and private sector entities: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2               (1) supports the goals and ideals of World Ma-  
3       laria Day;

4               (2) recognizes the importance of reducing ma-  
5       laria prevalence and deaths to improve overall child  
6       and maternal health, especially in sub-Saharan Afri-  
7       ca;

8               (3) commends the recent progress made toward  
9       reducing global malaria morbidity, mortality, and  
10       prevalence, particularly through the efforts of the  
11       President’s Malaria Initiative and the Global Fund  
12       to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria;

13              (4) welcomes ongoing public-private partner-  
14       ships to research and develop more effective and af-  
15       fordable tools for malaria diagnosis, treatment, and  
16       vaccination;

17              (5) recognizes the goals, priorities, and authori-  
18       ties to combat malaria set forth in the Tom Lantos  
19       and Henry J. Hyde United States Global Leadership  
20       Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Re-  
21       authorization Act of 2008 (Public Law 110–293;  
22       122 Stat. 2918);

1           (6) supports continued leadership by the United  
2 States in bilateral, multilateral, and private sector  
3 efforts to combat malaria and to work with devel-  
4 oping countries to create long-term strategies to in-  
5 crease ownership over malaria programs; and

6           (7) encourages other members of the inter-  
7 national community to sustain and increase their  
8 support for, and financial contributions to, efforts to  
9 combat malaria worldwide.

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