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S. RES. 295

Designating the month of September 2019 as “Campus Fire Safety Month”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 31, 2019

Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. CARPER, and Ms. WARREN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Designating the month of September 2019 as “Campus Fire Safety Month”.

Whereas campus-related housing fires at colleges in Texas, Oregon, Illinois, Washington, D.C., Pennsylvania, and other States have tragically cut short the lives of several young people;

Whereas, since January 2000, at least 175 people, including students, parents, and children, have died in campus-related fires;

Whereas approximately 87 percent of those deaths occurred in off-campus occupancies;

Whereas a majority of college students in the United States live in off-campus occupancies;

Whereas a number of fatal fires have occurred in buildings in which the occupants had compromised or deactivated the fire safety systems;

Whereas automatic fire alarm systems and smoke alarms provide early warning of a fire that is necessary for occupants of a building and the fire department to take appropriate action;

Whereas an automatic fire sprinkler system is a highly effective method of controlling or extinguishing a fire in its early stages, protecting the lives of the building occupants;

Whereas many college students live in an off-campus occupancy, fraternity or sorority house, or residence hall that is not adequately protected by an automatic fire sprinkler system and an automatic fire alarm system or adequate smoke alarm;

Whereas fire safety education is an effective method of reducing the occurrence of fires and the resulting loss of life and property damage;

Whereas college students do not routinely receive effective fire safety education while in college;

Whereas educating young people in the United States about the importance of fire safety is vital to help ensure that young people engage in fire-safe behavior during college and after college; and

Whereas developing a generation of adults who practice fire safety may significantly reduce future loss of life: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

1 (1) designates the month of September 2019 as
2 “Campus Fire Safety Month”; and

3 (2) encourages administrators of institutions of
4 higher education and municipalities across the
5 United States—

6 (A) to provide educational programs about
7 fire safety to all college students in September
8 and throughout the school year;

9 (B) to evaluate the level of fire safety
10 being provided in both on-campus and off-cam-
11 pus student housing; and

12 (C) to ensure fire-safe living environments
13 through—

14 (i) fire safety education;

15 (ii) installation of fire suppression and
16 detection systems and smoke alarms; and

17 (iii) the development and enforcement
18 of applicable codes relating to fire safety.

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