

November 20, 2004), the appointment of the following Senators to serve as members of the Senate National Security Working Group for the 110th Congress: Senator THAD COCHRAN of Mississippi (Co-Chairman); Senator JON KYL of Arizona (Administrative Co-Chairman); Senator MITCH MCCONNELL of Kentucky (Co-Chairman); and Senator TRENT LOTT of Mississippi (Co-Chairman).

NATIONAL SHAKEN BABY SYNDROME AWARENESS WEEK

Mr. NELSON of Florida. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 163, submitted earlier today.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 163) designating the third week of April 2007 as "National Shaken Baby Syndrome Awareness Week".

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, along with Senators ALEXANDER, BAYH, BENNETT, BOXER, CANTWELL, CLINTON, COLEMAN, DOMENICI, DURBIN, HATCH, LEVIN, LIEBERMAN, SALAZAR, and SCHUMER, I am in support of our resolution to proclaim the third week of April of 2007 as "National Shaken Baby Syndrome Awareness Week." The Senate has passed similar resolutions each year since 2001, and we strongly support continued awareness of one of the most devastating forms of child abuse in this country, abuse that results in the severe injury, lifelong disability, or death of hundreds of children each year.

In recognition of the need to eliminate child abuse and to raise awareness about the issue, the month of April has again been designated "National Child Abuse Prevention Month," an annual tradition that was initiated in 1979 by former President Jimmy Carter. As we focus on child abuse prevention this month, awareness and prevention of Shaken Baby Syndrome is an important component of these efforts.

I would like to recognize the many groups, including those formed by parents and relatives who have been killed or injured by shaking, who support this effort to increase awareness of one of the most devastating forms of child abuse. These supporters include the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Association of Neurological Surgeons, the American Psychological Association, The Arc of the United States, the Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs, the Association of University Centers on Disabilities, the Brain Injury Association of America, the Center for Child Protection and Family Support, the Child Welfare League of America, Children's Healthcare is a Legal Duty, the Congress of Neurological Surgeons, the

Cynthia Gibbs Foundation, Don't Shake Jake, Easter Seals, Epilepsy Foundation of America, Family Voices, the Hannah Rose Foundation, the Kierra Harrison Foundation, the National Association of Children's Hospitals, the National Association of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies, the National Center for Learning Disabilities, the National Child Abuse Coalition, the National Crime Prevention Council, the National Exchange Club Foundation, the National Family Partnership, the National Respite Coalition, the National Shaken Baby Coalition, Parents Anonymous, Prevent Child Abuse, the Shaken Baby Alliance, the Shaken Baby Association, Shaken Baby Prevention Inc., Shaken Baby Syndrome Prevention Plus, the SKIPPER Initiative, United Cerebral Palsy, A Voice for Gabbi, and many other groups.

I urge the Senate to adopt this resolution designating the third week of April 2007 as "National Shaken Baby Syndrome Awareness Week," and to take part in the many local and national activities and events recognizing the month of April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Mr. NELSON of Florida. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating thereto be printed in the RECORD.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 163) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 163

Whereas the month of April has been designated "National Child Abuse Prevention Month" as an annual tradition that was initiated in 1979 by former President Jimmy Carter;

Whereas the most recent National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System figures reveal that almost 900,000 children were victims of abuse and neglect in the United States in 2005, causing unspeakable pain and suffering to our most vulnerable citizens;

Whereas among the children who are victims of abuse and neglect, more than 4 children die in the United States each day;

Whereas children aged 1 year or younger accounted for approximately 42 percent of all child abuse and neglect fatalities in 2005, and children aged 3 years or younger accounted for approximately 77 percent of all child abuse and neglect fatalities in 2005;

Whereas abusive head trauma, including the trauma known as "Shaken Baby Syndrome", is recognized as the leading cause of death of physically abused children;

Whereas Shaken Baby Syndrome can result in loss of vision, brain damage, paralysis, seizures, or death;

Whereas a 2003 report in the Journal of the American Medical Association estimated that, in the United States, an average of 300 children will die each year, and 600 to 1,200 more will be injured, of whom $\frac{2}{3}$ will be babies or infants under 1 year in age, as a result of Shaken Baby Syndrome, with many

cases resulting in severe and permanent disabilities;

Whereas medical professionals believe that thousands of additional cases of Shaken Baby Syndrome and other forms of abusive head trauma are being misdiagnosed or are not detected;

Whereas Shaken Baby Syndrome often results in permanent, irreparable brain damage or death to an infant and may result in extraordinary costs for the provision of medical care to the infant in just the first few years of life of the infant;

Whereas the most effective solution for ending Shaken Baby Syndrome is to prevent the abuse, and it is clear that the minimal costs of education and prevention programs may prevent enormous medical and disability costs and immeasurable amounts of grief for many families;

Whereas prevention programs have demonstrated that educating new parents about the danger of shaking young children and how they can help protect their child from injury can bring about a significant reduction in the number of cases of Shaken Baby Syndrome;

Whereas education programs have been shown to raise awareness and provide critically important information about Shaken Baby Syndrome to parents, caregivers, daycare workers, child protection employees, law enforcement personnel, health care professionals, and legal representatives;

Whereas "National Shaken Baby Syndrome Awareness Week" and efforts to prevent child abuse, including Shaken Baby Syndrome, are supported by groups across the United States, including those formed by parents and relatives of children who have been killed or injured by shaking, whose mission is to educate the general public and professionals about Shaken Baby Syndrome and to increase support for victims and the families of the victims in the health care and criminal justice systems;

Whereas Congress previously designated the third week of April 2001 as "National Shaken Baby Syndrome Awareness Week 2001"; and

Whereas Congress strongly supports efforts to protect children from abuse and neglect: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates the third week of April 2007 as "National Shaken Baby Syndrome Awareness Week";

(2) commends those hospitals, child care councils, schools, community groups, and other organizations that are—

(A) working to increase awareness of the danger of shaking young children; and

(B) educating parents and caregivers on how they can help protect children from injuries caused by abusive shaking; and

(C) helping families cope effectively with the challenges of child-rearing and other stresses in their lives; and

(3) encourages the citizens of the United States to—

(A) remember the victims of Shaken Baby Syndrome; and

(B) participate in educational programs to help prevent Shaken Baby Syndrome.

WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

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