

(1) congratulates the Duke team for winning the 2010 NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Tournament;

(2) recognizes the achievements of the players and coaches; and

(3) directs the Secretary of the Senate to make available enrolled copies of this resolution to Duke University President Richard H. Brodhead, Athletic Director Kevin White, and Head Coach Mike Krzyzewski for appropriate display.

SENATE RESOLUTION 506—DESIGNATING MAY 2010 AS “NATIONAL X AND Y CHROMOSOMAL VARIATIONS AWARENESS MONTH”

Mr. BROWBACK (for himself and Mr. CARDIN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 506

Whereas 1 in 500 children in the United States have X and Y chromosomal variations that cause complex learning disabilities, including reading, language, and motor-planning impairments;

Whereas 1 in 10 babies born every day has an X and Y chromosomal variation, but only 30 percent of those babies will ever receive the treatment needed in order to succeed academically;

Whereas, although all physicians, ancillary health care providers, and special educators are taught that genetic abnormalities can impact the development of a child, most practitioners receive insufficient information about X and Y chromosomal variations;

Whereas many health care and educational providers do not consider testing for X and Y chromosomal variations when the providers encounter a child who presents with developmental disabilities;

Whereas widespread misinformation about X and Y chromosomal variations causes unnecessary distress to families dealing with such a diagnosis;

Whereas, with greater national awareness about the existence of X and Y chromosomal variations, children with these disorders can be diagnosed and provided with the syndrome-specific medical care and academic intervention the children need to succeed academically, to prepare for the workforce, and to live full and productive lives; and

Whereas, with the proper diagnosis and intervention, children who have X and Y chromosomal variations can excel academically and in the workforce: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) designates May 2010 as “National X and Y Chromosomal Variations Awareness Month”; and

(2) encourages the appropriate organizations to recognize the month with appropriate activities.

SENATE RESOLUTION 507—DESIGNATING APRIL 30, 2010, AS “DIA DE LOS NIÑOS: CELEBRATING YOUNG AMERICANS”

Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. REID, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. CASEY, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. AKAKA) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 507

Whereas many nations throughout the world, and especially within the Western

hemisphere, celebrate “el Dia de los Niños”, or “Day of the Children”, on April 30, in recognition and celebration of the future of the nations—their children;

Whereas children represent the hopes and dreams of the people of the United States and are the center of families in the United States;

Whereas children should be nurtured and invested in to preserve and enhance economic prosperity, democracy, and the spirit of the United States;

Whereas according to the latest Census report, there are more than 47,000,000 individuals of Hispanic descent living in the United States, nearly 16,000,000 of whom are children;

Whereas Hispanics in the United States, the youngest and fastest growing ethnic community in the Nation, continue the tradition of honoring their children on el Dia de los Niños, and wish to share this custom with the rest of the Nation;

Whereas the primary teachers of family values, morality, and culture are parents and family members, and people in the United States rely on children to pass on these family values, morals, and culture to future generations;

Whereas the importance of literacy and education are most often communicated to children through family members;

Whereas families should be encouraged to engage in family and community activities that include extended and elderly family members and that encourage children to explore and develop confidence;

Whereas the designation of a day to honor the children of the United States will help affirm for the people of the United States the significance of family, education, and community;

Whereas the designation of a day of special recognition for the children of the United States will provide an opportunity for children to reflect on their future, to articulate their aspirations, and to find comfort and security in the support of their family members and communities;

Whereas the National Latino Children's Institute, serving as a voice for children, has worked with cities throughout the Nation to declare April 30 as “el Dia de los Niños: Celebrating Young Americans”, a day to bring together Hispanics and other communities nationwide to celebrate and uplift children; and

Whereas the children of a nation are the responsibility of all its people, and people should be encouraged to celebrate the gifts of children to society: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) designates April 30, 2010, as “el Dia de los Niños: Celebrating Young Americans”; and

(2) calls on the people of the United States to join with all children, families, organizations, communities, churches, cities, and States across the Nation to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies, including activities that—

(A) center around children, and are free or minimal in cost so as to encourage and facilitate the participation of all our people;

(B) are positive and uplifting and that help children express their hopes and dreams;

(C) provide opportunities for children of all backgrounds to learn about one another's cultures and to share ideas;

(D) include all members of the family, especially extended and elderly family members, so as to promote greater communication among the generations within a family, enabling children to appreciate and benefit from the experiences and wisdom of their elderly family members;

(E) provide opportunities for families within a community to get acquainted; and

(F) provide children with the support they need to develop skills and confidence, and to find the inner strength and the will and fire of the human spirit to make their dreams come true.

SENATE RESOLUTION 508—RECOGNIZING JUNE 2010 AS NATIONAL HEREDITARY HEMORRHAGIC TELANGIECTASIA (HHT) MONTH ESTABLISHED TO INCREASE AWARENESS OF HHT, WHICH IS A COMPLEX GENETIC BLOOD VESSEL DISORDER THAT AFFECTS APPROXIMATELY 70,000 PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES

Mr. JOHNSON (for himself and Mr. BENNETT) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:

S. RES. 508

Whereas according to the HHT Foundation International, Hereditary Hemorrhagic Telangiectasia (HHT), also referred to as Osler-Weber-Rendu Syndrome, is a long-neglected national health problem that affects approximately 70,000 (1 in 5,000) people in the United States and 1,200,000 people worldwide;

Whereas HHT is an autosomal dominant, uncommon complex genetic blood vessel disorder, characterized by telangiectases and artery-vein malformations that occurs in major organs including the lungs, brain, and liver, as well as the nasal mucosa, mouth, gastrointestinal tract, and skin of the face and hands;

Whereas left untreated, HHT can result in considerable morbidity and mortality and lead to acute and chronic health problems or sudden death;

Whereas according to the HHT Foundation International, 20 percent of those with HHT, regardless of age, suffer death and disability;

Whereas according to the HHT Foundation International, due to widespread lack of knowledge of the disorder among medical professionals, approximately 90 percent of the HHT population has not yet been diagnosed and is at risk for death or disability due to sudden rupture of the blood vessels in major organs in the body;

Whereas the HHT Foundation International estimates that 20 to 40 percent of complications and sudden death due to these “vascular time bombs” are preventable;

Whereas patients with HHT frequently receive fragmented care from practitioners who focus on 1 organ of the body, having little knowledge about involvement in other organs or the interrelation of the syndrome systemically;

Whereas HHT is associated with serious consequences if not treated early, yet the condition is amenable to early identification and diagnosis with suitable tests, and there are acceptable treatments available in already-established facilities such as the 8 HHT Treatment Centers of Excellence in the United States; and

Whereas adequate Federal funding is needed for education, outreach, and research to prevent death and disability, improve outcomes, reduce costs, and increase the quality of life for people living with HHT: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes the need to pursue research to find better treatments, and eventually, a cure for HHT;

(2) recognizes and supports the HHT Foundation International as the only advocacy organization in the United States working to find a cure for HHT while saving the lives