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Supporting the goals and objectives of Choose Respect Day.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

RESOLUTION

Supporting the goals and objectives of Choose Respect Day.

Whereas, according to the National Intimate Partner and
Sexual Violence Survey—

(1) up to 12,000,000 individuals in the United
States report experiencing intimate partner violence an-
nually, including physical violence, rape, or stalking; and

(2) approximately 1 in 5 women and up to 1 in 7
men in the United States have experienced severe phys-
ical violence by an intimate partner at some point in their
lifetimes;

Whereas, according to the Bureau of Justice Statistics, 3
women in the United States on average are killed each
day by a current or former intimate partner;

Whereas domestic violence can affect anyone, but women who are 18 to 34 years of age typically experience the highest rates of domestic violence;

Whereas survivors of domestic violence are strong, courageous, and resilient;

Whereas most female survivors of intimate partner violence have been previously victimized by the same offender;

Whereas domestic violence is cited as a significant factor in homelessness among families;

Whereas millions of children are exposed to domestic violence each year;

Whereas a study found that children who were exposed to domestic violence in their households were 15 times more likely to be physically or sexually assaulted in their lifetime than other children who were not exposed to domestic violence in their households;

Whereas survivors of domestic violence experience immediate and long-term negative outcomes, including detrimental effects on mental and physical health;

Whereas research consistently shows that being abused by an intimate partner increases the likelihood of substance use by that individual, as well as associated harmful consequences;

Whereas nearly 85 percent of American Indian and Alaska Native women have experienced some form of intimate partner violence in their lifetimes;

Whereas law enforcement officers in the United States put their lives at risk each day by responding to incidents of domestic violence, which can be among the most volatile and deadly calls;

Whereas Congress passed the Choose Respect Act (Public Law 117–103; 136 Stat. 931) to encourage safety and respect in relationships, especially among adolescents and young adults;

Whereas Congress designated October 1 of each year as Choose Respect Day to increase awareness of domestic violence and to encourage those in relationships to choose respect; and

Whereas October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month:
Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) supports the goals and objectives of Choose
3 Respect Day; and

4 (2) encourages all private citizens, organiza-
5 tions, and Federal, State, and local governmental
6 and legislative entities to recognize Choose Respect
7 Day through proclamations, activities, and edu-
8 cational efforts in furtherance of changing the cul-
9 ture around the tolerance of domestic violence.

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