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Designating May 6, 1998, as “National Eating Disorders Awareness Day”
to heighten awareness and stress prevention of eating disorders.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 17, 1998

Mr. REID (for himself, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. CONRAD, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. WELLSTONE, and Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

MAY 5, 1998

Considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Designating May 6, 1998, as “National Eating Disorders Awareness Day” to heighten awareness and stress prevention of eating disorders.

Whereas over 8,000,000 Americans suffer from eating disorders, including anorexia nervosa, bulimia nervosa, and compulsive eating;

Whereas 1 in 10 individuals with anorexia nervosa will die;

Whereas 1 in 4 college-age women struggle with an eating disorder;

Whereas 80 percent of young women believe they are overweight;

Whereas 52 percent of girls report dieting before the age of 13;

Whereas 30 percent of 9-year-old girls fear becoming overweight;

Whereas the incidence of anorexia nervosa and bulimia has doubled over the last decade, and anorexia nervosa and bulimia is striking younger populations;

Whereas the epidemiologic profile of individuals with eating disorders includes all racial and socio-economic backgrounds;

Whereas eating disorders cause immeasurable suffering for both victims and families of the victim;

Whereas individuals suffering from eating disorders lose the ability to function effectively, representing a great personal loss, as well as a loss to society;

Whereas the treatment of eating disorders is often extremely expensive;

Whereas there is a widespread educational deficit of information about eating disorders;

Whereas the majority of cases of eating disorders last from 1 to 15 years; and

Whereas the immense suffering surrounding eating disorders, the high cost of treatment for eating disorders, and the longevity of these illnesses make it imperative that we acknowledge the importance of education, early detection, and prevention programs: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate designates May 6, 1998,
2 as “National Eating Disorders Awareness Day” to height-
3 en awareness and stress prevention of eating disorders.

