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Designating the week of June 22, 1998 through June 28, 1998 as “National Mosquito Control Awareness Week”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. TORRICELLI) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Designating the week of June 22, 1998 through June 28, 1998 as “National Mosquito Control Awareness Week”.

Whereas mosquito-borne diseases (including malaria, yellow fever, encephalitis, dengue fever, and dog heartworm) have historically been a source of human and animal suffering, illness, and death in the United States and worldwide;

Whereas excess numbers of mosquitoes also diminish enjoyment of the outdoors, public parks and playgrounds, hinder outdoor work, decrease livestock productivity, and reduce property values;

Whereas mosquitoes can disperse or be transported long distances from their sources (locally and internationally) and are, therefore, a public nuisance and health risk throughout the United States and the world;

Whereas since 1900, mosquito control professionals in the United States have recognized the need to develop and encourage effective and environmentally safe mosquito control activities in order to protect the health and welfare of the public, the environment, and wildlife;

Whereas the American Mosquito Control Association (referred to in this resolution as AMCA) was established on June 26, 1935, to provide a nationally organized network to help mosquito control professionals pursue these goals;

Whereas professional mosquito control based on scientific research has made great advances in reducing mosquito populations and the diseases that they transmit;

Whereas the AMCA is an active partner in the Pesticide Environmental Stewardship Program, working closely with the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the United States Department of Health and Human Services to reduce pesticide risk to humans, animals, and the environment while protecting human health from mosquito-borne diseases and nuisance attacks;

Whereas public awareness of the health benefits associated with safe, professionally applied mosquito control methods will support the efforts to reduce pesticide risk and protect human health as well as motivate the public to eliminate mosquito breeding sites on their own property;

Whereas educational programs are being developed to include school and civic programs in order to meet the need of the public for information about mosquito biology and control;

Whereas students are encouraged to pursue an interest in biological and health sciences, to participate in science

fairs, and to learn about mosquito biology and contribute to the reduction of mosquito populations; and

Whereas “National Mosquito Control Awareness Week” would increase public awareness of the activities of the various mosquito research and control agencies within the United States and around the world and highlight the educational programs currently available: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates the week of June 22, 1998
3 through June 28, 1998 as “National Mosquito Con-
4 trol Awareness Week”; and

5 (2) requests that the President issue a procla-
6 mation calling on the people of the United States to
7 observe this week with appropriate ceremonies and
8 activities.

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