

106TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. RES. 112

To designate June 5, 1999, as “Safe Night USA”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 27, 1999

Mr. FEINGOLD submitted the following resolution; which was considered and
agreed to

RESOLUTION

To designate June 5, 1999, as “Safe Night USA”.

Whereas over 1,500,000 people, 220,000 of them juveniles,
were arrested last year for drug abuse;

Whereas over 1,000,000 juveniles were victims of violent
crimes last year;

Whereas local community prevention efforts are vital to re-
ducing these alarming trends;

Whereas Safe Night began with 4,000 juvenile participants in
Milwaukee during 1994 in response to a 300 percent in-
crease in violent death and injury in that city between
1983 and 1993;

Whereas Safe Night involved over 10,000 Wisconsin partici-
pants and included over 100 individual Safe Nights
throughout Wisconsin in 1996;

Whereas Safe Night has been credited as a factor in reducing the teenage homicide rate in Milwaukee by 60 percent in just the first 3 years of the program;

Whereas Wisconsin Public Television, the Public Broadcasting Service, Black Entertainment Television, the National Latino Children's Institute, the National Civics League, 100 Black Men of America, the Resolving Conflict Creatively Center and Educators for Social Responsibility, the Boys and Girls Club of America, the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America, the National 4-H Youth Council, Public Television Outreach, and the American Academy of Pediatrics have joined with Safe Night USA to lead this major violence prevention initiative;

Whereas community leaders, including parents, teachers, doctors, religious officials, and business leaders, will enter into partnership with youth to foster a drug-free and violence-free environment on June 5, 1999;

Whereas this partnership combines stress and anger management programs with dances, talent shows, sporting events, and other recreational activities, operating on only 3 basic rules: no weapons, no alcohol, and no arguments;

Whereas Safe Night USA helps youth avoid the most common factors that precede acts of violence, provides children with the tools to resolve conflict and manage anger without violence, encourages communities to work together to identify key issues affecting teenagers, and creates local partnerships with youth that will continue beyond the expiration of the project; and

Whereas June 5, 1999, will witness over 10,000 local Safe Night activities joined together in one nationwide effort

to combat youth violence and substance abuse: Now,
therefore, be it

1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. DESIGNATION.**

3 The Senate—

4 (1) designates June 5, 1999 as “Safe Night
5 USA”; and

6 (2) requests that the President issue a procla-
7 mation calling on the people of the United States to
8 observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and ac-
9 tivities.

10 **SEC. 2. TRANSMITTAL OF RESOLUTION.**

11 The Senate directs the Secretary of the Senate to
12 transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to Safe Night
13 USA.

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