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S. RES. 158

Designating October 21, 1999, as a “Day of National Concern About Young People and Gun Violence”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 21, 1999

Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. WARNER, Mr. HATCH, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. DODD, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. GORTON, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. REID, Mr. ROBB, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. LUGAR, and Mr. Fitzgerald) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

SEPTEMBER 16, 1999

Committee discharged; considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

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Whereas every day in the United States, 14 children under the age of 19 are killed with guns;

Whereas in 1994, approximately 70 percent of murder victims aged 15 to 17 were killed with a handgun;

Whereas in 1995, nearly 8 percent of high school students reported having carried a gun in the past 30 days;

Whereas young people are our Nation’s most important resource, and we, as a society, have a vested interest in enabling children to grow in an environment free from fear and violence;

Whereas young people can, by taking responsibility for their own decisions and actions, and by positively influencing the decisions and actions of others, help chart a new and less violent direction for the entire Nation;

Whereas students in every school district in the Nation will be invited to take part in a day of nationwide observance involving millions of their fellow students, and will thereby be empowered to see themselves as significant agents in a wave of positive social change; and

Whereas the observance of October 21, 1999, as a “Day of National Concern about Young People and Gun Violence” will allow students to make a positive and earnest decision about their future in that such students will have the opportunity to voluntarily sign the “Student Pledge Against Gun Violence”, and promise that they will never take a gun to school, will never use a gun to settle a dispute, and will actively use their influence in a positive manner to prevent friends from using guns to settle disputes: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates October 21, 1999, as a “Day of
3 National Concern about Young People and Gun Violence”; and
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5 (2) requests that the President issue a proclamation calling on the school children of the United
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- 1 States to observe the day with appropriate cere-
- 2 monies and activities.

