

Calendar No. 102

106TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. RES. 72

Designating the month of May in 1999 and 2000 as “National ALS Awareness Month”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 23, 1999

Mr. TORRICELLI (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. WARNER, Mr. MACK, Mr. REID, Mr. ROBB, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. HELMS, Mr. ROTH, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. COVERDELL, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BURNS, Mr. KERRY, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. BRYAN, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. DODD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KERREY, Mr. BOND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. FRIST, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. JOHNSON, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. REED, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. ENZI, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. GRAMM, and Mr. ALLARD) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

APRIL 29, 1999

Reported by Mr. HATCH, without amendment

RESOLUTION

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Whereas Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), commonly known as Lou Gehrig’s Disease, is a progressive neuro-

muscular disease characterized by a degeneration of the nerve cells of the brain and spinal cord leading to the wasting of muscles, paralysis, and eventual death;

Whereas approximately 30,000 individuals in the United States are afflicted with ALS at any time, with approximately 5,000 new cases appearing each year;

Whereas ALS usually strikes individuals that are 50 years of age or older;

Whereas the life expectancy of an individual with ALS is 3 to 5 years from the time of diagnosis;

Whereas there is no known cause or cure for ALS;

Whereas aggressive treatment of the symptoms of ALS can extend the lives of individuals with the disease; and

Whereas recent advances in ALS research have produced promising leads, many related to shared disease processes that appear to operate in many neurodegenerative diseases: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates the month of May in 1999 and
3 2000 as “National ALS Awareness Month”; and

4 (2) requests the President to issue a proclama-
5 tion calling on the people of the United States to ob-
6 serve the month with appropriate ceremonies and ac-
7 tivities.

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