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S. RES. 25

Designating January 2003 as “National Mentoring Month”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 23, 2003

Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. McCAIN, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. SPECTER, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. COCHRAN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. ALLEN, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. DODD, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. LAUTENBERG) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JANUARY 29, 2003

Committee discharged; considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Designating January 2003 as “National Mentoring Month”.

Whereas mentors serve as role models, advocates, friends, and advisors to youth in need;

Whereas numerous studies and research document that mentors help youth augment social skills and emotional well-being, improve cognitive skills, and plan for the future;

Whereas, for some youth, having a caring adult mentor to turn to for guidance and encouragement can make the crucial difference between success and failure in life;

Whereas 17,600,000 youth, nearly half the youth population, want or need mentors to help them reach their full potential;

Whereas there exists a large “mentoring gap” of unmet needs, as evidenced by the fact that just 2,500,000 youth are in formal mentoring relationships, leaving 15,000,000 youth still in need of mentors;

Whereas the celebration of National Mentoring Month will institutionalize the Nation’s commitment to mentoring and raise awareness of mentoring in various forms;

Whereas a month-long focus on mentoring will tap into the vast pool of potential mentors and motivate adults to take action to help a youth;

Whereas National Mentoring Month will encourage organizations of all kinds—businesses, faith communities, government agencies, schools, and other organizations—to engage their constituents in mentoring; and

Whereas the celebration of that month would above all encourage more people to volunteer as mentors, to the benefit of the Nation’s youth: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates the month of January 2003 as
3 “National Mentoring Month”; and

4 (2) requests that the President issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States
5 and interested groups to observe the month with appropriate ceremonies and activities that promote
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- 1 awareness of and volunteer involvement with youth
- 2 mentoring.

