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Recognizing the 50th anniversary of the development of the Salk polio vaccine and its importance in eradicating the incidence of polio.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. SANTORUM (for himself, Mr. SPECTER, and Mr. LAUTENBERG) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the 50th anniversary of the development of the Salk polio vaccine and its importance in eradicating the incidence of polio.

Whereas the epidemic of polio struck the citizens of the United States in the early 1950s, causing thousands of cases of lingering paralysis and death;

Whereas the epidemic of polio peaked in 1952, having affected nearly 58,000 people, mainly children and young adults;

Whereas many of those affected by polio needed the assistance of mechanical ventilators in order to breathe, while others were crippled and dependent upon crutches for mobility;

Whereas University of Pittsburgh faculty member Dr. Jonas Salk and his team of researchers developed the first vaccine against polio;

Whereas, in April 1955, the results of an unprecedented and successful nationwide clinical trial of the polio vaccine were announced; and

Whereas the Salk polio vaccine was approved for widespread public use at that time: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) recognizes the pioneering achievement of
3 Dr. Jonas Salk and his team of researchers at the
4 University of Pittsburgh in the development of the
5 Salk polio vaccine;

6 (2) expresses its appreciation to—

7 (A) the family of Dr. Salk for the elimi-
8 nation of polio, a disease that caused countless
9 deaths and disabling consequences;

10 (B) the members of Dr. Salk's research
11 team; and

12 (C) the individuals who generously agreed
13 to participate in clinical trials to validate the ef-
14 ficacy of the polio vaccine; and

15 (3) celebrates with the University of Pittsburgh
16 on the 50th anniversary of the approval and use of
17 the Salk polio vaccine.

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