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S. RES. 275

Designating the week of February 6, 2006 as “National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Week”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 18, 2005

Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. AKAKA, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. BIDEN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

DECEMBER 13, 2005

Committee discharged; considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

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Whereas 1 in 3 female high school students reports being physically abused or sexually abused by a dating partner;

Whereas over 40 percent of male and female high school students surveyed had been victims of dating violence at least once;

Whereas violent relationships in adolescence can have serious ramifications for victims, who are at higher risk for substance abuse, eating disorders, risky sexual behavior, suicide, and adult re-victimization;

Whereas the severity of violence among intimate partners has been shown to increase if the pattern was established in adolescence;

Whereas 81 percent of parents surveyed either believed dating violence is not a problem or admitted they did not know it is a problem; and

Whereas the establishment of a “National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Week” will benefit schools, communities, and families regardless of socio-economic status, race, or gender: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates the week of February 6, 2006 as
3 “National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Pre-
4 vention Week”; and

5 (2) calls on the people of the United States, es-
6 pecially high schools, law enforcement, local, and
7 State officials, and interested groups to observe the
8 week with appropriate activities that promote aware-
9 ness and prevention of the crime of teen dating vio-
10 lence in our communities.

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