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Designating the month of March as Deep-Vein Thrombosis Awareness Month,
in memory of journalist David Bloom.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 16, 2005

Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. DORGAN, and Mr. BROWNBACK) submitted the
following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

MARCH 2, 2005

Committee discharged; considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

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Awareness Month, in memory of journalist David Bloom.

Whereas deep-vein thrombosis is a condition that occurs when
a blood clot forms in one of the large veins, which may
result in a fatal pulmonary embolism;

Whereas deep-vein thrombosis is a serious but preventable
medical condition;

Whereas deep-vein thrombosis occurs in approximately
2,000,000 Americans every year;

Whereas fatal pulmonary embolism causes more deaths each
year than breast cancer and AIDS combined;

Whereas complications from deep-vein thrombosis take up to 200,000 American lives each year;

Whereas fatal pulmonary embolism may be the most common preventable cause of hospital death in the United States;

Whereas the risk factors for deep-vein thrombosis include cancer and certain heart or respiratory diseases;

Whereas pulmonary embolism is the leading cause of maternal death associated with childbirth;

Whereas, according to a survey conducted by the American Public Health Association, 74 percent of Americans are unaware of deep-vein thrombosis;

Whereas National Broadcasting Company correspondent David Bloom died of a fatal pulmonary embolism while covering the war in Iraq;

Whereas Melanie Bloom, widow of David Bloom, and more than 35 members of the Coalition to Prevent Deep-Vein Thrombosis are working to raise awareness of this silent killer; and

Whereas the establishment of March as Deep-Vein Thrombosis Awareness Month in honor of David Bloom would raise public awareness about this life-threatening but preventable condition: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates the month of March as “Deep-
3 Vein Thrombosis Awareness Month”;

4 (2) honors the memory of David Bloom; and

5 (3) recognizes the importance of raising aware-
6 ness of deep-vein thrombosis.