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S. RES. 24

Designating January 2007 as “National Stalking Awareness Month”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 11, 2007

Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, and Mrs. CLINTON) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JANUARY 25, 2007

Reported by Mr. LEAHY, without amendment

JANUARY 26, 2007

Considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Designating January 2007 as “National Stalking Awareness Month”.

Whereas an estimated 1,006,970 women and 370,990 men are stalked annually in the United States and, in the majority of such cases, the person is stalked by someone who is not a stranger;

Whereas 81 percent of women who are stalked by an intimate partner are also physically assaulted by that partner, and 76 percent of women who are killed by an intimate partner were also stalked by that intimate partner;

Whereas 26 percent of stalking victims lose time from work as a result of their victimization, and 7 percent never return to work;

Whereas stalking victims are forced to take drastic measures to protect themselves, such as relocating, changing their addresses, changing their identities, changing jobs, and obtaining protection orders;

Whereas stalking is a crime that cuts across race, culture, gender, age, sexual orientation, physical and mental ability, and economic status;

Whereas stalking is a crime under Federal law and under the laws of all 50 States and the District of Columbia;

Whereas rapid advancements in technology have made cyber-surveillance the new frontier in stalking;

Whereas there are national organizations, local victim service organizations, prosecutors' offices, and police departments that stand ready to assist stalking victims and who are working diligently to craft competent, thorough, and innovative responses to stalking; and

Whereas there is a need to enhance the criminal justice system's response to stalking, including through aggressive investigation and prosecution: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That—

2 (1) the Senate designates January 2007 as
3 “National Stalking Awareness Month”;

4 (2) it is the sense of the Senate that—

5 (A) National Stalking Awareness Month
6 provides an opportunity to educate the people of
7 the United States about stalking;

1 (B) the people of the United States should
2 applaud the efforts of the many victim service
3 providers, such as police, prosecutors, national
4 and community organizations, and private sec-
5 tor supporters, for their efforts in promoting
6 awareness about stalking; and

7 (C) policymakers, criminal justice officials,
8 victim service and human service agencies, non-
9 profit organizations, and others should recog-
10 nize the need to increase awareness of stalking
11 and availability of services for stalking victims;
12 and

13 (3) the Senate urges national and community
14 organizations, businesses, and the media to promote,
15 through observation of National Stalking Awareness
16 Month, awareness of the crime of stalking.

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