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S. RES. 262

Designating July 2007 as “National Watermelon Month”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 29, 2007

Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself and Mr. ISAKSON) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JULY 9, 2007

Committee discharged; considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Designating July 2007 as “National Watermelon Month”.

Whereas watermelon production constitutes an important sector of the agricultural industry of the United States;

Whereas, according to the January 2006 statistics compiled by the National Agricultural Statistics Service of the United States Department of Agriculture, the United States produces 4,200,000,000 pounds of watermelon annually;

Whereas watermelon is grown in 49 States, is purchased and consumed in all 50 States, and is exported to Canada;

Whereas evidence indicates that eating 2½ to 5 cups of fruits and vegetables daily as part of a healthy diet will improve

health and protect against diseases such as cancer, high blood pressure, stroke, and heart disease;

Whereas proper diet and nutrition are important factors in preventing diseases such as childhood obesity and diabetes;

Whereas watermelon has no fat or cholesterol and is an excellent source of the vitamins A, B6, and C, fiber, and potassium, which are vital to good health and disease prevention;

Whereas watermelon is also an excellent source of lycopene;

Whereas lycopene, an antioxidant found only in a few red plant foods, has been shown to reduce the risk of certain cancers;

Whereas watermelon is a heart-healthy food that has qualified for the heart-check mark from the American Heart Association;

Whereas watermelon has been a nutritious summer favorite from generation to generation; and

Whereas it is important to educate citizens of the United States regarding the health benefits of watermelon and other fruits and vegetables: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) supports the goals and ideals of “National
3 Watermelon Month”;

4 (2) calls on the Federal Government, States, lo-
5 calities, schools, nonprofit organizations, businesses,
6 other entities, and the people of the United States

1 to observe the month with appropriate programs and
2 activities; and

3 (3) designates July 2007 as “National Water-
4 melon Month”.

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