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Supporting the goals and ideals of Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CASEY submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

RESOLUTION

Supporting the goals and ideals of Pancreatic Cancer
Awareness Month.

Whereas more than 43,000 people will be diagnosed with
pancreatic cancer this year in the United States;

Whereas pancreatic cancer is the fourth most common cause
of cancer death in the United States and the tenth most
commonly diagnosed cancer;

Whereas 76 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within
the first year of their diagnosis and only 5 percent sur-
vive more than 5 years, making pancreatic cancer the
deadliest form of any major cancer;

Whereas the number of new pancreatic cancer cases is pro-
jected to increase by 12 percent this year and by 55 per-
cent by 2030;

Whereas there has been no significant improvement in survival rates for pancreatic cancer during the last 30 years;

Whereas there are no early detection methods and minimal treatment options for pancreatic cancer;

Whereas the symptoms of pancreatic cancer generally present themselves too late for an optimistic prognosis, and the average survival rate of individuals diagnosed with metastatic pancreatic cancer is only 3 to 6 months;

Whereas the incidence rate of pancreatic cancer is 50 percent higher for African-Americans than for other ethnic groups; and

Whereas it would be appropriate to observe November 2010 as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month to educate communities across the United States about pancreatic cancer and the need for research funding, early detection methods, effective treatments, and treatment programs: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the Senate supports the goals and
- 2 ideals of Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month.

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