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Designating November 2012 as “Stomach Cancer Awareness Month” and supporting efforts to educate the public about stomach cancer.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 24, 2012

Mr. KERRY (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Designating November 2012 as “Stomach Cancer Awareness Month” and supporting efforts to educate the public about stomach cancer.

Whereas stomach cancer is one of the most difficult cancers to detect and treat in the early stages of the disease, which contributes to high mortality rates and human suffering;

Whereas stomach cancer is the second-leading cause of cancer mortality in the world;

Whereas, in 2011, an estimated 21,520 new cases of stomach cancer were diagnosed in the United States;

Whereas, in 2011, it was estimated that more than 10,000 people in the United States would die from stomach cancer;

Whereas the estimated 5-year survival rate for stomach cancer is only 28 percent;

Whereas approximately 1 in 114 individuals will be diagnosed with stomach cancer during their lifetimes;

Whereas an inherited form of stomach cancer carries a 67- to 83-percent risk that an individual will be diagnosed with stomach cancer by 80 years of age;

Whereas, in the United States, stomach cancer is more prevalent among racial and ethnic minorities;

Whereas better education for patients and health care providers is needed for the timely recognition of stomach cancer risks and symptoms;

Whereas more research into effective early diagnosis, screening, and treatment for stomach cancer is needed; and

Whereas November 2012 is an appropriate month to observe Stomach Cancer Awareness Month: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates November 2012 as “Stomach
3 Cancer Awareness Month”;

4 (2) supports efforts to educate the people of the
5 United States about stomach cancer;

6 (3) recognizes the need for additional research
7 into early diagnosis and treatment for stomach cancer;
8 and

9 (4) encourages the people of the United States
10 and interested groups to observe and support November
11 2012 as Stomach Cancer Awareness Month
12 through appropriate programs and activities to pro-

- 1 mote public awareness of, and potential treatments
- 2 for, stomach cancer.

