

113TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. RES. 242

Supporting the goals and ideals of “Growth Awareness Week”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 19, 2013

Mr. KIRK submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Supporting the goals and ideals of “Growth Awareness
Week”.

Whereas, according to the Pictures of Standard Syndromes
and Undiagnosed Malformations database (commonly
known as the “POSSUM” database), more than 600 se-
rious diseases and health conditions cause growth failure;

Whereas health conditions that cause growth failure may af-
fect the overall health of a child;

Whereas short stature may be a symptom of a serious under-
lying health condition;

Whereas growth failure in children is often undiagnosed;

Whereas, according to the MAGIC Foundation for Children’s
Growth, 48 percent of children in the United States who
were evaluated for the 2 most common causes of growth
failure were undiagnosed with growth failure;

Whereas the longer a child with growth failure goes undiagnosed, the greater the potential for damage and higher costs of care;

Whereas early detection and a diagnosis of growth failure are crucial to ensure a healthy future for a child with growth failure;

Whereas raising public awareness of, and educating the public about, growth failure is a vital public service;

Whereas providing resources for identification of growth failure will allow for early detection; and

Whereas the MAGIC Foundation for Children's Growth has designated the third week of September as "Growth Awareness Week": Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates the third week of September
3 2013 as "Growth Awareness Week"; and

4 (2) supports the goals and ideals of "Growth
5 Awareness Week".

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