

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. RES. 252

Designating September 2017 as “National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 13, 2017

Mr. McCONNELL (for Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mr. NELSON)) submitted
the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Designating September 2017 as “National Spinal Cord
Injury Awareness Month”.

Whereas more than 285,000 individuals in the United States
live with spinal cord injuries, which cost society billions
of dollars in health care costs and lost wages;

Whereas there are approximately 17,500 new spinal cord in-
juries in the United States each year;

Whereas more than 40,000 spinal cord injury victims are vet-
erans who suffered a spinal cord injury while serving in
the Armed Forces;

Whereas motor vehicle accidents are the leading cause of spi-
nal cord injuries and the third leading cause of traumatic
brain injuries;

Whereas more than 50 percent of all spinal cord injuries to children under the age of 18 occur as a result of motor vehicle accidents;

Whereas there is an urgent need to develop new neuroprotection, pharmacological, and regeneration treatments to reduce, prevent, and reverse paralysis; and

Whereas increased education and investment in research are key factors in improving outcomes for victims of spinal cord injuries, improving the quality of life of victims of spinal cord injuries, and ultimately curing paralysis: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates September 2017 as “National
3 Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month”;

4 (2) supports the goals and ideals of National
5 Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month;

6 (3) continues to support research to find better
7 treatments, therapies, and a cure for spinal cord in-
8 juries;

9 (4) supports clinical trials for new therapies
10 that offer promise and hope to individuals living
11 with paralysis; and

12 (5) commends the dedication of national, re-
13 gional, and local organizations, researchers, doctors,
14 volunteers, and people across the United States that
15 are working to improve the quality of life of individ-

- 1 uals living with spinal cord injuries and their fami-
- 2 lies.

