

## 115TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

## S. RES. 96

Designating March 25, 2017, as "National Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day".

## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

March 23, 2017

Mr. Casey (for himself, Mr. Isakson, and Ms. Hassan) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

## RESOLUTION

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- Whereas a group of permanent disorders of the development of movement and posture that are attributed to nonprogressive disturbances that occur in the developing brain is referred to as "cerebral palsy";
- Whereas cerebral palsy, the most common motor disability in children, is caused by damage to 1 or more specific areas of the developing brain, which usually occurs during fetal development before, during, or after birth;
- Whereas the majority of children who have cerebral palsy are born with cerebral palsy, but cerebral palsy may be undetected for months or years;
- Whereas 75 percent of individuals with cerebral palsy also have 1 or more developmental disabilities, including epi-

- lepsy, intellectual disability, autism, visual impairment, or blindness;
- Whereas, according to information released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention—
  - (1) the prevalence of cerebral palsy is not changing over time; and
  - (2) an estimated 1 in 323 children has cerebral palsy;
- Whereas approximately 764,000 individuals in the United States are affected by cerebral palsy;
- Whereas, although there is no cure for cerebral palsy, treatment often improves the capabilities of a child with cerebral palsy;
- Whereas scientists and researchers are hopeful for breakthroughs in cerebral palsy research;
- Whereas researchers across the United States conduct important research projects involving cerebral palsy; and
- Whereas the Senate can raise awareness of cerebral palsy in the public and the medical community: Now, therefore, be it
  - 1 Resolved, That the Senate—
  - 2 (1) designates March 25, 2017, as "National
  - 3 Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day";
- 4 (2) encourages each individual in the United
- 5 States to become better informed about and aware
- 6 of cerebral palsy; and
- 7 (3) respectfully requests that the Secretary of
- 8 the Senate transmit a copy of this resolution to the

- 1 Executive Director of Reaching for the Stars: A
- 2 Foundation of Hope for Children with Cerebral

3 Palsy.

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