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S. RES. 141

Expressing the sense of the Senate regarding National Concern About Young People and Gun Violence Day.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 29, 1997

Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. KEMPTHORNE, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. BRYAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. FORD, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. ROTH, Mr. KOHL, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. WARNER, Mr. FRIST, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. ROBB, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. DEWINE, and Mr. GORTON) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

OCTOBER 31, 1997

Committee discharged; considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

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Whereas every day in America, 15 children under the age of 19 are killed with guns;

Whereas in 1994, approximately 70 percent of murder victims aged 15 to 17 were killed with a handgun;

Whereas in 1995, nearly 8 percent of high school students reported having carried a gun in the past 30 days;

Whereas young people are our Nation’s most important resource, and we, as a society, have a vested interest in helping children grow from a childhood free from fear and violence into healthy adulthood;

Whereas young people can, by taking responsibility for their own decisions and actions, and by positively influencing the decisions and actions of others, help chart a new and less violent direction for the entire Nation;

Whereas students in every school district in the Nation will be invited to take part in a day of nationwide observance involving millions of their fellow students, and will thereby be empowered to see themselves as significant agents in a wave of positive social change; and

Whereas the observance of this day will give the students the opportunity to make an earnest decision about their future by voluntarily signing the “Student Pledge Against Gun Violence”, and sincerely promise that the students will never take a gun to school, will never use a gun to settle a dispute, and will use their influence to keep friends from using guns to settle disputes: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

2 (1) November 6, 1997, should be designated as

3 “National Concern About Young People and Gun

4 Violence Day”; and

5 (2) the President should be authorized and re-

6 quested to issue a proclamation calling upon the

- 1 school children of the United States to observe such
- 2 day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

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