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Supporting the goals and ideals of Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 6, 2007

Mrs. CLINTON (for herself and Mr. SMITH) submitted the following resolution;
which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and
Pensions

RESOLUTION

Supporting the goals and ideals of Pancreatic Cancer
Awareness Month.

Whereas over 37,170 people will be diagnosed with pancreatic
cancer this year in the United States;

Whereas pancreatic cancer is the 4th most common cause of
cancer death in the United States;

Whereas 75 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within
the first year of their diagnosis and only 5 percent sur-
vive more than 5 years, making pancreatic cancer the
deadliest of any cancer;

Whereas there has been no significant improvement in sur-
vival rates in the last 25 years and pancreatic cancer re-
search is still in the earliest scientific stages;

Whereas there are no early detection methods and minimal treatment options for pancreatic cancer;

Whereas when symptoms of pancreatic cancer generally present themselves, it is too late for an optimistic prognosis, and the average survival rate of those diagnosed with metastasis of the disease is only 3 to 6 months;

Whereas the incidence rate of pancreatic cancer is 40 to 50 percent higher in African Americans than in other ethnic groups; and

Whereas it would be appropriate to observe November as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month to educate communities across the Nation about pancreatic cancer and the need for research funding, early detection methods, effective treatments, and treatment programs: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the Senate supports the goals and
- 2 ideals of Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month.

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