

110TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. RES. 581

Designating June 6, 2008, as “National Huntington’s Disease Awareness Day”.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 3, 2008

Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. DODD) submitted the following resolution;  
which was considered and agreed to

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## RESOLUTION

Designating June 6, 2008, as “National Huntington’s Disease Awareness Day”.

Whereas Huntington’s Disease is a progressive degenerative neurological disease that causes total physical and mental deterioration over a 12 to 15 year period;

Whereas each child of a parent with Huntington’s Disease has a 50 percent chance of inheriting the Huntington’s Disease gene;

Whereas Huntington’s Disease typically begins in mid-life, between the ages of 30 and 45, though onset may occur as early as the age of 2;

Whereas children who develop the juvenile form of the disease rarely live to adulthood;

Whereas the average lifespan after onset of Huntington’s Disease is 10 to 20 years, and the younger the age of onset, the more rapid the progression of the disease;

Whereas Huntington’s Disease affects 30,000 patients and 200,000 genetically “at risk” individuals in the United States;

Whereas, since the discovery of the gene that causes Huntington’s Disease in 1993, the pace of Huntington’s Disease research has accelerated;

Whereas, although no effective treatment or cure currently exists, scientists and researchers are hopeful that breakthroughs will be forthcoming;

Whereas researchers across the Nation are conducting important research projects involving Huntington’s Disease; and

Whereas the Senate is an institution that can raise awareness in the general public and the medical community of Huntington’s Disease: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2               (1) designates June 6, 2008, as “National  
3       Huntington’s Disease Awareness Day”;

4               (2) recognizes that all people of the United  
5       States should become more informed and aware of  
6       Huntington’s Disease; and

7               (3) respectfully requests the Secretary of the  
8       Senate to transmit a copy of this resolution to the  
9       Huntington’s Disease Society of America.

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