whereas there has been no significant improvement in survival rates in the last 30 years and pancreatic cancer research 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 present themselves, it is generally 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

Resolved, That the Senate supports the goals and ideals of Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month.

S. CON. RES. 106—COMMENDING THE EMBASSY OF SWITZERLAND FOR ONGOING ASSISTANCE IN THE CASE OF ROBERT LEVINSON, URING THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO INTENSIFY COOPERATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF SWITZERLAND AND THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ON THE CASE OF ROBERT LEVINSON, AND EXPRESSING SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY OF ROBERT LEVINSON

Mr. NELSON of Florida submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

Whereas United States citizen Robert Levinson is a retired agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, a resident of Florida, the husband of Christine Levinson, and father of their seven children;

Whereas Robert Levinson traveled from the coast of Iran in the Persian Gulf in early 2007. I have spoken on this issue ad infinitum before to call the attention of the Congress and the world for the ongoing assistance to the United States Government and to the family of Bob Levinson, particularly during the visit by Mr. Daniel, and her sister, Ms. Halpin, to Tehran and to Kish Island for the ongoing assistance to the United States Government and to the family of Robert Levinson during this trying period.

Mr. Levinson and her eldest son, Daniel, and her sister, Ms. Halpin, traveled to Tehran and to the island of Kish in December of last year in the hopes of finding information about Bob Levinson’s disappearance. The Iranian authorities, to their credit, extended courtesies to her and they promised to continue the time they would help in the case, but those promises have not been fulfilled.

This resolution I am introducing urges Iranian officials to ensure the safety of the family of Robert Levinson during their December 2007 visit to Tehran and to make the promise of continued assistance;
press Iran on this case at every opportunity and at every level—something I think the U.S. Government is beginning to do. Also, this resolution thanks the Swiss for their continued assistance in the case. It furthermore expresses appreciation for the efforts of Iranian officials who have cooperated with the safety of the family during their visit of December of last year. This resolution also expresses sympathy to the Levinson family during this trying period. This is a wife and seven children of a former FBI agent now living in the country of Iran, missing now since the early part of 2007.

In this year, on July 28, the President of Iran stated during an interview with NBC that Iranian officials were willing to cooperate with the FBI on this case. Why is the FBI involved? The FBI is involved because he is a former FBI agent. This resolution calls upon the Tehran government to make this meeting happen as soon as possible to discuss the evidence the Iranians have uncovered about Mr. Levinson’s disappearance.

Now, I wish to underscore that because on July 28 of this year the President of Iran stated in an NBC interview that Iranian officials were willing to cooperate with the FBI on this case. They have not.

I wish to be blunt. We obviously have serious disagreements with Iran on its nuclear program and a whole range of other issues. We haven’t hesitated over the years, as a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, the Senate Intelligence Committee, and the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, to express my opposition to a number of Tehran’s policies—and I will continue to press for change in Iran’s positions and activities—but I am calling on the Government of Iran out of human compassion and humanitarian assistance to a family of a wife and seven children to come back and cooperate in trying to find and get evidence of the whereabouts of Bob Levinson.

We want to see an Iran where individuals are respected, not locked up in Evin Prison—we want to see an Iran that is respected—for signing a petition calling for women’s rights, and for her family. No one should have to experience what they have been through. I have met with her on a number of occasions. She is a loving mother. She is clearly an eloquent advocate. She is a tough fighter on behalf of her husband. She is relentless. She is not going to give up. Nor should she. I deem it a great privilege that I may in some little way try to assist her and her family.

I want to bring more of our colleagues into this issue of trying to find Bob Levinson in Iran and get the world’s attention focused on this missing American. I am going to ask Mrs. Levinson to come back in January when we reconvene, and I want some of our colleagues to meet her.

Remember that as representatives of the American people, that means we have to help individual American citizens in distress. This is clearly a family who is in distress. We cannot—and I believe I can speak for the Senate—we are not going to forget Bob Levinson and his family.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

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TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

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At the appropriate place, insert the following:

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Section 109(a) of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 (division A of Public Law 110–343) is amended—

(1) by striking the last sentence; and

(2) by striking “To the extent” and inserting the following:

“(1) In general.—To the extent”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(B) LOAN GUARANTEES AND CREDIT ENHANCEMENTS REQUIRED.—

“(A) In general.—In addition to actions required under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall, not later than 15 days after the date of enactment of this paragraph, designate the Corporation may use to loan guarantees or credit enhancements funded by the Secretary under this clause; and

“(ii) an additional $15,000,000,000, in aggregate estimated subsidy costs, and amounts specified under paragraph (2) of section 115(a) shall be reduced by the subsidy cost of any guarantees or credit enhancements funded by the Secretary under this clause.”

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Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Short-term Analog Flash and Emergency Readiness Act”.

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

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