The Resolution we are introducing today will designate June 5th as National Race for the Cure Day.

This Race has very special meaning for me. The Race for the Cure was started by the Susan G. Komen Foundation which is located in my hometown, Dallas, Texas.

The Susan G. Komen Foundation was founded in 1982 by Nancy Brinker. The Foundation honors her sister, Susan Komen, who tragically died of breast cancer at the young age of 36. Nancy promised herself that she would fulfill Suzy’s plea to help others confronted with this disease.

The mission of the Foundation is to eradicate breast cancer as a life-threatening disease by advancing research, education, screening and treatment.

Nancy Brinker’s pledge to her sister has grown to be a major factor in fighting breast cancer. The Foundation has 35,000 volunteers and 106 offices across the United States.

The Komen Foundation’s Grant Program is regarded as one of the most innovative in funding breast cancer research today. The Komen Foundation has financed 325 grants at 72 institutions in 25 states.

The Foundation’s most public event, however, has become the Race for the Cure. The Race for the Cure has become the largest series of Five Kilometer Runs in the world.

The Race series started as one event in Texas with 800 participants. But, this year, there will be 98 races across the United States with over 700,000 people participating.

The Komen Foundation and the Race for the Cure have raised over $136 million for breast cancer research.

On June 5th, the National Race for the Cure will celebrate its tenth anniversary. It is the largest of the Races across the U.S. In fact, there are more than 50,000 entrants already signed up for this race.

This resolution commemorates the Tenth Anniversary and it designates June 5th as National Race for the Cure Day.

Mr. President, I think it is fitting that the Senate recognize this unique day.

Breast cancer is the leading cause of death of women between the ages of 35 and 54. A woman in the United States will be diagnosed with breast cancer every three minutes, and every 12 minutes a woman will die of breast cancer.

The Race for the Cure is one day, when Americans of all walks of life, can come together united in a great cause to wipe out this terrible disease.

Mr. President, I would urge the Senate to adopt this resolution. Is also want to thank the numerous other Senators that are part of this effort. Thank you, Mr. President.

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, today I am pleased to cosponsor with Senators KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON, PETE DOMENICI and CONNIE MACK a resolution commending the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation and the Komen National Race for the Cure for their commitment to eradicating breast cancer. June 5 will be the Komen National Race for the Cure and this resolution urges the President to issue a proclamation calling upon the American people to observe the day with appropriate activities.

Washington, D.C., will host the Race and there will be 98 races across the country will over 700,000 people participating.

There are 2.6 million women in this country living with breast cancer and more than 178,000 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer. Over 43,000 will die.

Diagnostic tools for breast cancer are very limited. Treatments for breast cancer are at best imperfect. We don’t know how to prevent it. We don’t know how to cure it. We need to redouble our effort to stop breast cancer now.

Congress is taking some steps. During the FY 2000 appropriations process, I hope we can increase researching funding for all cancers. We must pass legislation, such as S. 784 which I have sponsored, to require Medicare coverage of routine costs of clinical research trials and S. 6, to require private insurance coverage of the routine costs of clinical research trials. We should enact legislation assuring access to specialists and coverage of second opinions. We should pass Medicaid coverage for women who are screened by CDC’s breast and cervical cancer program but have no way to pay for treatment when they learn they have cancer.

I call on my colleagues to join us in supporting the 10th anniversary Race by sending FY 2000 appropriations resolutions, I hope we can increase researching funding for all cancers. We must pass legislation, such as S. 784 which I have sponsored, to require Medicare coverage of routine costs of clinical research trials and send it to the President. As new understandings of cancer emerge almost weekly, we must do all we can to support increased research and access to services to end this scourge.

Mr. HUTCHINSON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report.

RESOLVED, That the Senate—
(1) designates June 5, 1999, as “National Race for the Cure Day”;
(2) requests that the President issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe the day with appropriate programs and activities.

DESIGNATING JUNE 6, 1999, AS “NATIONAL CHILD’S DAY”

Mr. HUTCHINSON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 111, introduced earlier today by Senator GRAHAM and others.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 111) designating June 6, 1999, as “National Child’s Day.”

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, this resolution designates the first Sunday of June as National Child’s Day.

Our children are our future. Over 5 million children, however, go hungry at some point each month. There has been a 60 percent increase in the number of children needing foster care in the last ten years. Many children today face crises of grave proportions, especially as they enter their adolescent years.

The designation of National Child’s Day helps us to focus on our children’s needs and recognize their accomplishments. It encourages families to spend more quality time together and highlights the special importance of the child in the family unit.

In these crucial times, it is important that we show our support for the youth of America. It is our hope that this simple resolution will foster family togetherness and ensure that our children receive the attention they need and deserve.

I urge my colleagues to join me in designating the first Sunday in June as National Child’s Day.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be printed in the Record.

Mr. HUTCHINSON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be
agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating thereto be placed in the Record at the appropriate place as if read.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 111) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, is as follows:

S. Res. 111

Whereas June 6, 1999, the first Sunday in the month, falls between Mother’s Day and Father’s Day;

Whereas each child is unique, a blessing, and holds a distinct place in the family unit;

Whereas the people of the United States should celebrate children as the most valuable asset of the United States;

Whereas the children represent the future, hope, and inspiration of the United States;

Whereas the people of the United States should be allowed to feel that their ideas and dreams will be respected because adults in the United States take time to listen;

Whereas many children of the United States face crises of grave proportions, especially as they enter adolescent years;

Whereas it is important for parents to spend time listening to their children on a daily basis;

Whereas modern societal and economic demands often pull the family apart;

Whereas, whenever practicable, it is important for both parents to be involved in their child’s life;

Whereas encouragement should be given to families to set aside a special time for all family members to engage together in family activities;

Whereas adults in the United States should have an opportunity to reminisce on their youth to recapture some of the fresh insight, innocence, and dreams that they may have lost through the years;

Whereas the designation of a day to commemorate the children of the United States will provide an opportunity to emphasize to children the importance of developing an ability to make the choices necessary to distance themselves from impropriety and to contribute to their communities;

Whereas the people of the United States should emphasize to children the importance of family life, education, and spiritual qualities;

Whereas because children are the responsibility of all people of the United States, everyone should celebrate children, whose questions, laughter, and dreams are important to the existence of the United States; and

Whereas the designation of a day to commemorate the children will emphasize to the people of the United States the importance of the role of the child within the family and society: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates June 6, 1999, as “National Child’s Day”; and

(2) requests the President to issue a proclamation to call upon the people of the United States to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

DESIGNATING JUNE 5, 1999, AS “SAFE NIGHT USA”

Mr. HUTCHINSON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 112, introduced earlier today by Senator Feingold, of Wisconsin.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 112) to designate June 5, 1999, as “Safe Night USA.”

Whereas the children of the United States must be allowed to feel that their ideas and dreams will be respected, in my home state of Wisconsin and around the nation;

Safe Night USA is a low cost, high-profile way to focus national attention on the importance of allowing people with safe alternative activities and tools for conflict resolution, anger management and mediation. I am proud to report Mr. President that Safe Night first began in 1994 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and has spread across the state, fifty-five states, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands will participate in this exciting program.

Mr. President, Olusegun Sijuwade, a Milwaukee Health Department educator and former police officer, developed Safe Night in response to more than 300% increase in violent death and injury in Milwaukee between 1983 and 1993. The Safe Night program in Wisconsin began with 4,000 youth in Milwaukee and by 1996 involved more than 10,000 participants in over 100 sites spread across the state. And now, on June 5, 1999, a million kids are expected to participate in Safe Night programs in 1,200 sites across the country.

Mr. President, I wish the 10,000 local Safe Night USA events great success on June 5, 1999, as they join in one nationwide effort to combat youth violence and substance abuse.

I yield the floor.

Mr. HUTCHINSON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating thereto be placed in the Record at the appropriate place as if read, without intervening action.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, that is agreed to.

The resolution (S. Res. 112) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, is as follows:

8. Res. 112

Whereas over 1,500,000 people, 220,000 of them juveniles, were arrested last year for drug abuse;

Whereas over 1,000,000 juveniles were victims of violent crimes last year;

Whereas local community prevention efforts are vital to reducing these alarming trends;

Whereas Safe Night USA: The Corporation for Public Broadcasting, National Civics League, 100 Black Men of America, the Resolving Conflict Creatively Center and Educators for Social Responsibility, American Academy of Pediatrics, Boys and Girls Clubs of America, Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America and the National 4-H Youth Council,

Mr. President, it is critical that both families and communities understand that we are not powerless to help prevent destructive behaviors, such as drug abuse, in our children. Safe Night USA helps develop a strong, committed partnership between schools, community and families to foster a drug-free and violence-free environment for our youth. I believe Mr. President that Safe Night USA is a wise investment up front—it is a simple idea that works—and I am proud that it originated in my home state of Wisconsin. I thank my colleagues for their cooperation in passing this resolution and I wish the 10,000 local Safe Night USA events great success on June 5, 1999, as they join in one nationwide effort to combat youth violence and substance abuse.

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