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THESE STEPS ARE NEEDED NOW. WE MUST ALSO EXAMINE OTHER IDEAS TO IMPROVE SAFETY AT THE NATION’S BORDERS AND STRENGTHEN OUR OVERALL ABILITY AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE TO PREVENT FUTURE TERRORIST ATTACKS.

I URGE ALL OF MY COLLEAGUES TO SUPPORT THIS IMPORTANT LEGISLATION.

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I WANT TO URGE MY COLLEAGUES TO JOIN ME IN TAKING THIS SMALL BUT CRITICAL STEP TO PREVENT A REPEAT OF UNINTENTIONALLY TRAINING THOSE WHO WOULD TERRORIZE OUR CITIES AND SKIES AND ASK FOR THEIR SUPPORT IN INCREASING SECURITY REQUIREMENTS FOR FLIGHT TRAINING.

STATEMENTS ON SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 162—PROVIDING FOR MEMBERS ON THE PART OF THE SENATE OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON PRINTING AND THE JOINT COMMITTEE OF CONGRESS ON THE LIBRARY

MR. DODD (FOR HIMSELF AND MR. MCCONNELL) SUBMITTED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION; WHICH WAS CONSIDERED AND AGREED TO:

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MS. LANDRIEU (FOR HERSELF, MRS. MURRAY, MS. COLLINS, MS. SNOWE, MRS. CARNAHAN, MRS. HUTCHISON, MRS. CANTWELL, MRS. FEINSTEIN, MS. STABENOW, MS. MIKULSKI, MRS. LINCOLN, MRS. FLINT, MRS. BOXER) AND OTHERS SUBMITTED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION; WHICH WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY:
Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That it is the sense of the Congress that——

(1) all Americans should take an active role in the fight against tuberous sclerosis by all means available to them, including early and complete clinical testing and investigating family histories;

(2) the role played by national and community organizations and health care providers in promoting awareness of the importance of early diagnosis, testing, and ongoing screening should be recognized and applauded;

(3) the Federal Government has a responsibility to——

(A) endeavor to raise awareness about the importance of the early detection of, and proper treatment for, tuberous sclerosis; and

(B) increase funding for research so that the causes of, and improved treatment for, tuberous sclerosis may be discovered; and

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(4) the Director of the National Institutes of Health should take a leadership role in the fight against tuberous sclerosis by acting with appropriate offices within the National Institutes of Health to provide to the Congress a five-year research plan for tuberous sclerosis.

Mr. WARNER. Madam President, I rise today to introduce a resolution to help increase the awareness of tuberous sclerosis or TS. Even though 1,000,000 people worldwide are affected with this disease, few are even aware of it.

TS is a genetic condition characterized by lesions of the skin and central nervous system, tumor growth and seizures, and TS is transmitted either through genetic inheritance or as a spontaneous genetic mutation. It is the leading known cause of epilepsy, and may also cause brain, eye or kidney tumors, hydrocephalus, and disfiguring growths on the skin. At least two children in every 10,000 Americans are born with TS, which affects 1 million people worldwide of all races and ethnic groups. Infants and children too often spend their lives being misdiagnosed, possibly leading to irreparable brain damage, kidney failure, and even premature death.

Because there is no cure for this disease, early intervention is important in helping to overcome developmental delays. Passage of this important resolution will help to raise the importance of early detection and proper treatment of TS; encourage increased funding for research and treatments; and call upon the National Institutes of Health, NIH, to develop a research plan for TS.

For all of the families that are affected by this terrible disease, I ask that my colleagues support this important bill to help increase the awareness of this disease, and to introduce a resolution on their behalf that will help share their remarkable and uplifting story with a country in need of such stories.

Mr. WARNER. Madam President, on September 11, 2001, the United States was victim to the worst terrorist attack on American soil, as hijacked aircraft were deliberately crashed into the World Trade Center in New York, New York, and the Pentagon outside Washington, D.C.

Whereas the tragic events of September 11, 2001, have inflicted enormous emotional pain on Americans of all ages;

Whereas young Americans, who are generally unable to donate blood, help with rescue efforts, or make financial contributions, are nevertheless sharing in the Nation’s pain and are especially in need of a way to make a difference and express their grief;

Whereas four young sister, Ashley, Aubrey, Alyssa and Alanah Welsh, from Annandale, Virginia, whose father serves in the military and whose older sister, Alyssa, was killed in the Pentagon disaster, are determined that people could make a difference by holding local car washes to raise funds for the American Red Cross and to ‘‘help wash away the hurt’’;

Whereas within forty-eight hours the young girls had involved hundreds of others and raised more than $10,000, all in one day, in Northern Virginia;

Whereas there are more than 100,000 schools across the United States, whose teachers, students, and parents are searching for ways to unite and help rebuild the Nation as the Welsh sisters have done in their home town;

Whereas a National Wash America Campaign has been created with its own Internet site, www.WashAmerica.org, to help other communities launch similar efforts on the weekends of September 22 and 23, September 29 and 30, and October 6 and 7, 2001; and

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