

112TH CONGRESS  
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# S. RES. 199

Supporting the goals and ideals of “Crohn’s and Colitis Awareness Week”.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 25, 2011

Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. REED, and Mr. COCHRAN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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## RESOLUTION

Supporting the goals and ideals of “Crohn’s and Colitis Awareness Week”.

Whereas Crohn’s disease and ulcerative colitis are serious, chronic inflammatory diseases of the gastrointestinal tract;

Whereas Crohn’s disease and ulcerative colitis, collectively known as inflammatory bowel disease, afflict approximately 1,400,000 people in the United States, 30 percent of whom are diagnosed as children;

Whereas the cause of Crohn’s disease and ulcerative colitis are unknown and no medical cure exists;

Whereas Crohn’s disease and ulcerative colitis can affect anyone, at any age, and is being diagnosed with increased frequency in children;

Whereas Crohn’s disease and ulcerative colitis patients are at high risk for developing colorectal cancer;

Whereas a lack of awareness among health professionals and the general public may contribute to the misdiagnosis and mismanagement of Crohn’s disease and ulcerative colitis;

Whereas the annual direct cost of Crohn’s disease and ulcerative colitis in the United States is estimated to be \$6,100,000,000;

Whereas the goals of “Crohn’s and Colitis Awareness Week” are—

(1) to invite and encourage all people in the United States to join the effort to find a cure for Crohn’s disease and ulcerative colitis;

(2) to engage in activities aimed at raising awareness of Crohn’s disease and ulcerative colitis among the general public and health care providers; and

(3) to promote and support biomedical research needed to find better treatments and a cure for Crohn’s disease and ulcerative colitis; and

Whereas the week of December 1, 2011, through December 7, 2011, has been designated “Crohn’s and Colitis Awareness Week”: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2            (1) supports the goals and ideals of “Crohn’s  
3            and Colitis Awareness Week”;

4            (2) encourages media organizations to partici-  
5            pate in “Crohn’s and Colitis Awareness Week” by  
6            helping to educate the general public about Crohn’s  
7            disease and ulcerative colitis;

1           (3) recognizes all people in the United States  
2 living with Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis and  
3 expresses appreciation to the family members and  
4 caregivers who support them; and

5           (4) commends the dedication of health care pro-  
6 fessionals and biomedical researchers who care for  
7 Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis patients and  
8 work to advance basic, genetic, and clinical research  
9 aimed at developing new treatments and a cure for  
10 Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis.

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