

112TH CONGRESS  
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# S. RES. 245

Designating November 2011 as “Stomach Cancer Awareness Month” and supporting efforts to educate the public about stomach cancer.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 29, 2011

Mr. KERRY (for himself and Mr. DURBIN) submitted the following resolution;  
which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## RESOLUTION

Designating November 2011 as “Stomach Cancer Awareness Month” and supporting efforts to educate the public about stomach cancer.

Whereas stomach cancer is 1 of the most difficult cancers to detect and treat in the early stages of the disease, which contributes to high mortality rates and human suffering;

Whereas stomach cancer is the second-leading cause of cancer mortality worldwide;

Whereas, in 2009, an estimated 21,000 new cases of stomach cancer were diagnosed in the United States;

Whereas, in 2010, it was estimated that 10,000 people in the United States would die from stomach cancer;

Whereas the estimated 5-year survival rate for stomach cancer is only 26 percent;

Whereas approximately 1 in 113 individuals will be diagnosed with stomach cancer in their lifetimes;

Whereas an inherited form of stomach cancer carries a 67- to 83-percent risk that an individual will be diagnosed with stomach cancer by 80 years of age;

Whereas, in the United States, stomach cancer is more prevalent among racial and ethnic minorities;

Whereas better patient and health care provider education is needed for the timely recognition of stomach cancer risks and symptoms;

Whereas more research into effective early diagnosis, screening, and treatment for stomach cancer is needed; and

Whereas November 2011 is an appropriate month to observe “Stomach Cancer Awareness Month”: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2               (1) designates November 2011 as “Stomach  
3       Cancer Awareness Month”;

4               (2) supports efforts to educate the people of the  
5       United States about stomach cancer;

6               (3) recognizes the need for additional research  
7       into early diagnosis and treatment for stomach can-  
8       cer; and

9               (4) encourages the people of the United States  
10       and interested groups to observe and support No-  
11       vember 2011 as “Stomach Cancer Awareness  
12       Month” through appropriate programs and activities

- 1 to promote public awareness of, and potential treat-
- 2 ments for, stomach cancer.

