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Supporting the goals and ideals of National Public Health Week.

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Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. AKAKA, and Mr. BEGICH) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

RESOLUTION

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Public Health Week.

Whereas the week of April 4, 2011, through April 10, 2011, is National Public Health Week, and the theme for 2011 is “Safety is No Accident: Live Injury-Free”;

Whereas since 1995, public health organizations have used National Public Health Week to educate the public, policymakers, and public health professionals about issues that are important to improving the health of the people of the United States;

Whereas each year, nearly 150,000 people die from injuries and almost 30,000,000 people are injured seriously enough to require a visit to an emergency room;

Whereas unintentional injuries, such as motor vehicle crashes, poisonings, and burns, rank among the top 10 causes of death for people ages 1 through 44;

Whereas the financial costs of injuries are staggering, accounting for 12 percent of annual medical care spending and totaling as much as \$69,000,000,000 per year;

Whereas injuries, unexpected events, and violence affect people at home, at work, and at play, in their communities and on the move; and

Whereas many injuries and associated costs can be prevented by taking actions such as wearing a seatbelt, properly installing smoke alarms, properly installing and using child safety seats, wearing a helmet, storing cleaning supplies (and guns) in locked cabinets, and educating the community about violence and abuse toward children, women, seniors, and other at-risk populations: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) supports the goals and ideals of National
3 Public Health Week;

4 (2) recognizes the efforts of public health pro-
5 fessionals, the Federal Government, States, munic-
6 ipalities, local communities, and every person in the
7 United States in reducing injuries and promoting
8 safety;

9 (3) recognizes the role of public health in pro-
10 moting safety, preventing injury, and improving the
11 health of people in the United States;

1 (4) encourages increased efforts and resources
2 to improve the health of people in the United States
3 through—

4 (A) the promotion of safety and reduction
5 of injuries; and

6 (B) the strengthening of the public health
7 system of the United States; and

8 (5) encourages the people of the United States
9 to learn about the role of public health in improving
10 health in the United States.

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