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Supporting increased awareness of sepsis and the importance of early diagnosis and appropriate intervention.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. BALDWIN (for herself and Mr. BLUNT) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

RESOLUTION

Supporting increased awareness of sepsis and the importance of early diagnosis and appropriate intervention.

Whereas sepsis is a medical condition resulting from an immune system response to an infection;

Whereas the overwhelming response of the immune system to an infection can rapidly lead to tissue damage, organ failure, and death;

Whereas more than 1,700,000 individuals in the United States develop sepsis each year;

Whereas more than 270,000 individuals in the United States die from sepsis each year, which is more than the number of individuals who die from prostate cancer, breast cancer, and HIV/AIDS combined;

Whereas the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that 1 in 3 patients who die in a hospital have sepsis;

Whereas, according to the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, sepsis is the most common diagnosis for inpatient hospital stays in the United States;

Whereas sepsis is the most expensive condition treated in hospitals in the United States, costing more than \$24,000,000,000 each year;

Whereas sepsis is the number one cause of hospital readmissions, generating more than \$2,000,000,000 in costs annually;

Whereas more than 80 percent of septic patients are septic upon admission to the hospital;

Whereas mortality rates from septic shock increase by up to 8 percent for every hour that treatment is delayed;

Whereas rapid diagnosis and treatment can prevent up to 80 percent of fatalities from sepsis; and

Whereas the combination of early detection of sepsis and appropriate interventions can significantly improve the chances of survival for patients with all types of sepsis:
Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) is committed to increasing awareness of
3 sepsis and encouraging the education of patients,
4 families, health care professionals, and government
5 agencies on the critical importance of early diagnosis
6 as the key for patients to survive sepsis; and

1 (2) supports innovative public-private partner-
2 ships and the pursuit of innovative financing tools,
3 incentives, and other mechanisms to accelerate the
4 pursuit of improved early detection and appropriate
5 intervention for patients with sepsis.

