

113TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. RES. 211

Designating September 2013 as “National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 31, 2013

Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mr. NELSON) submitted the following resolution;
which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Designating September 2013 as “National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month”.

Whereas the estimated 1,275,000 individuals in the United States who live with a spinal cord injury cost society billions of dollars in health care costs and lost wages;

Whereas an estimated 100,000 of those people are veterans who suffered the spinal cord injury while serving as members of the Armed Forces of the United States;

Whereas accidents are the leading cause of spinal cord injuries;

Whereas motor vehicle crashes are the second leading cause of spinal cord and traumatic brain injuries;

Whereas 70 percent of all spinal cord injuries that occur in children under the age of 18 are a result of motor vehicle accidents;

Whereas every 48 minutes a person will become paralyzed, underscoring the urgent need to develop new neuroprotection, pharmacological, and regeneration treatments to reduce, prevent, and reverse paralysis; and

Whereas increased education and investment in research are key factors in improving outcomes for victims of spinal cord injuries, improving the quality of life of victims, and ultimately curing paralysis: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates September 2013 as “National
3 Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month”;

4 (2) supports the goals and ideals of National
5 Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month;

6 (3) continues to support research to find better
7 treatments, therapies, and a cure for paralysis;

8 (4) supports clinical trials for new therapies
9 that offer promise and hope to those persons living
10 with paralysis; and

11 (5) commends the dedication of local, regional,
12 and national organizations, researchers, doctors, vol-
13 unteers, and people across the United States that
14 are working to improve the quality of life of people
15 living with paralysis and their families.

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