

112TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. RES. 236

Designating September 2011 as National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness  
Month.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 21, 2011

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

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## RESOLUTION

Designating September 2011 as National Spinal Cord Injury  
Awareness Month.

Whereas the estimated 1,275,000 people 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 individuals living  
with a spinal cord injury are veterans who suffered the  
spinal cord injury while serving as members of the  
United States Armed Forces;

Whereas accidents are the leading cause of spinal cord inju-  
ries;

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 seconds 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 2011 as Spinal Cord  
3       Injury Awareness Month;

4               (2) supports the goals and ideals of Spinal Cord  
5       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 persons  
15      living with paralysis and their families.

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