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S. RES. 281

Supporting the goals and ideals of “National Campus Safety Awareness Month”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 23, 2009

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

RESOLUTION

Supporting the goals and ideals of “National Campus Safety Awareness Month”.

Whereas people on college and university campuses are not immune from the potential acts of crime that the rest of society in the United States faces;

Whereas, pursuant to the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act (20 U.S.C. 1092(f)), colleges and universities reported that from 2005 to 2007, 117 murders, 10,563 forcible-sex offenses, 16,632 aggravated assaults, and 3,226 cases of arson occurred on or around college and university campuses;

Whereas criminal experts estimate that between 20 to 25 percent of female undergraduate students become victims of rape or attempted rape;

Whereas the aggressor in a sexual assault is usually an acquaintance or friend of the victim;

Whereas less than 5 percent of the victims of sexual assaults report those assaults to law enforcement;

Whereas each year 13 percent of female students enrolled in an undergraduate program at a college or university will be victims of stalking;

Whereas approximately 1,825 college and university students between the ages of 18 and 24 die each year from unintentional, alcohol-related injuries, including motor vehicle accidents;

Whereas Security On Campus, Inc., a national nonprofit group dedicated to promoting safety and security on college and university campuses, has designated September as National Campus Safety Awareness Month;

Whereas, each September since 2005, Security On Campus, Inc. has partnered with colleges and universities across the United States to offer educational programming on sexual assault, alcohol and drug abuse, hazing, stalking, and other critical campus safety issues; and

Whereas National Campus Safety Awareness Month provides an opportunity for campus communities to become engaged in efforts to improve campus safety: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) supports the goals and ideals of National
3 Campus Safety Awareness Month; and

4 (2) encourages colleges and universities
5 throughout the United States to provide campus

- 1 safety and other crime awareness and prevention
- 2 programs to students throughout the year.

