

113TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. RES. 396

Designating March 25, 2014, as “National Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day”.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 25, 2014

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

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## RESOLUTION

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Awareness Day”.

Whereas the term “cerebral palsy” refers to a group of permanent disorders of the development of movement and posture that are attributed to non-progressive disturbances that occur in the developing brain;

Whereas cerebral palsy, the most common motor disability in children, is caused by damage to 1 or more specific areas of the developing brain, which usually occurs during fetal development, before, during, or after birth;

Whereas the majority of children who have cerebral palsy are born with the disorder, although cerebral palsy may remain undetected for months or years;

Whereas individuals with cerebral palsy also have at least 1 co-occurring condition, with 41 percent of such individ-

uals having co-occurring epilepsy and nearly 7 percent having co-occurring autism spectrum disorder;

Whereas the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has released information indicating that cerebral palsy is not decreasing in prevalence and that an estimated 1 in 323 children has cerebral palsy;

Whereas approximately 800,000 people in the United States are affected by cerebral palsy;

Whereas although there is currently no cure for cerebral palsy, treatment often improves the capabilities of a child with cerebral palsy;

Whereas scientists and researchers are hopeful that breakthroughs in cerebral palsy research will be forthcoming;

Whereas researchers across the United States are conducting important research projects involving cerebral palsy; and

Whereas the Senate is an institution that can raise awareness in the general public and the medical community about cerebral palsy: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2               (1) designates March 25, 2014, as “National  
3       Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day”;

4               (2) encourages all people of the United States  
5       to become more informed and aware of cerebral  
6       palsy; and

7               (3) respectfully requests the Secretary of the  
8       Senate to transmit a copy of this resolution to

- 1 Reaching for the Stars: A Foundation of Hope for
- 2 Children with Cerebral Palsy.

