

111TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

S. RES. 506

Designating May 2010 as “National X and Y Chromosomal Variations Awareness Month”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 29, 2010

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

RESOLUTION

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Whereas 1 in 500 children in the United States have X and Y chromosomal variations that cause complex learning disabilities, including reading, language, and motor-planning impairments;

Whereas 1 in 10 babies born every day has an X and Y chromosomal variation, but only 30 percent of those babies will ever receive the treatment needed in order to succeed academically;

Whereas although all physicians, ancillary health care providers, and special educators are taught that genetic abnormalities can impact the development of a child, most practitioners receive insufficient information about X and Y chromosomal variations;

Whereas many health care and educational providers do not consider testing for X and Y chromosomal variations when the providers encounter a child who presents with developmental disabilities;

Whereas widespread misinformation about X and Y chromosomal variations causes unnecessary distress to families dealing with such a diagnosis;

Whereas with greater national awareness about the existence of X and Y chromosomal variations, children with these disorders can be diagnosed and provided with the syndrome-specific medical care and academic intervention the children need to succeed academically, to prepare for the workforce, and to live full and productive lives; and

Whereas with the proper diagnosis and intervention, children who have X and Y chromosomal variations can excel academically and in the workforce: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates May 2010 as “National X and Y
3 Chromosomal Variations Awareness Month”; and

4 (2) encourages the appropriate organizations to
5 recognize the month with appropriate activities.

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