

111TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. RES. 518

Designating the week beginning May 9, 2010, as “National Nursing Home Week”.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 7, 2010

Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. CASEY, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. FEINGOLD)  
submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

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## RESOLUTION

Designating the week beginning May 9, 2010, as “National Nursing Home Week”.

Whereas more than 1,500,000 elderly and disabled individuals live in the nearly 16,000 nursing facilities in the United States;

Whereas the annual celebration of National Nursing Home Week invites people in communities nationwide to recognize nursing home residents and staff for their contributions to their communities;

Whereas the theme for National Nursing Home Week in 2010 is “Enriching Every Day”, honoring caregivers who are “enriching every day” for elderly and disabled individuals, adding value to their lives and helping them to overcome many of the infirmities of age and disability;

Whereas nursing homes are intimate communities where acts of caring, kindness, and respect are the norm;

Whereas, when the positive bond that naturally develops between patients and their caregivers is established, patients experience not only better physical care and healing, but also enrichment of the mind, heart, and spirit and an affirmation of their value; and

Whereas National Nursing Home Week recognizes the people who provide care to the Nation's most vulnerable population: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2               (1) designates the week beginning May 9, 2010,  
3       as “National Nursing Home Week”;

4               (2) recognizes that a majority of people in the  
5       United States, because of social needs, disability,  
6       trauma, or illness, will require long-term care serv-  
7       ices at some point in their lives;

8               (3) honors nursing home residents and the peo-  
9       ple who care for them each day, including family  
10       members, volunteers, and dedicated long-term care  
11       professionals, for their contributions to their commu-  
12       nities and the United States; and

13              (4) encourages the people of the United States  
14       to observe National Nursing Home Week with ap-  
15       propriate ceremonies and activities.

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