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Designating March 25, 2017, as “National Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 23, 2017

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

RESOLUTION

Designating March 25, 2017, as “National Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day”.

Whereas 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 is referred to as “cerebral palsy”;

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 cerebral palsy, but cerebral palsy may be undetected for months or years;

Whereas 75 percent of individuals with cerebral palsy also have 1 or more developmental disabilities, including epi-

lepsy, intellectual disability, autism, visual impairment, or blindness;

Whereas, according to information released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention—

(1) the prevalence of cerebral palsy is not changing over time; and

(2) an estimated 1 in 323 children has cerebral palsy;

Whereas approximately 764,000 individuals in the United States are affected by cerebral palsy;

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

Whereas scientists and researchers are hopeful for breakthroughs in cerebral palsy research;

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

Whereas the Senate can raise awareness of cerebral palsy in the public and the medical community: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates March 25, 2017, as “National
3 Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day”;

4 (2) encourages each individual in the United
5 States to become better informed about and aware
6 of cerebral palsy; and

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

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

