

119TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

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Supporting the goals and ideals of “Deep Vein Thrombosis and Pulmonary Embolism Awareness Month”.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mr. MARSHALL, and Mr. LUJÁN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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# RESOLUTION

Supporting the goals and ideals of “Deep Vein Thrombosis and Pulmonary Embolism Awareness Month”.

Whereas deep vein thrombosis (referred to in this preamble as “DVT”) is a condition that occurs when a blood clot forms in the deep veins of the body, such as in the arm, abdomen, around the brain, and most commonly in the leg;

Whereas a potentially life-threatening complication of DVT is a pulmonary embolism (referred to in this preamble as a “PE”), where a blood clot breaks off, travels through the blood stream, and lodges in the lung;

Whereas DVT and PEs are serious but often preventable medical conditions;

Whereas DVT and PEs affect as many as 900,000 individuals in the United States each year;

Whereas DVT and PEs kill an estimated 60,000 to 100,000 individuals in the United States each year, and 1 out of 4 individuals who have a PE die without warning;

Whereas deaths caused by DVT and PEs are often preventable;

Whereas DVT and PEs are among the leading causes of preventable hospital deaths in the United States;

Whereas DVT and PEs are common complications faced by cancer patients, and survival rates are lower for individuals with cancer who also have blood clots;

Whereas pregnancy increases the risk of DVT and PEs, and that risk remains elevated for up to 3 months after giving birth;

Whereas immobility, surgery, older age, and a family history of clotting and thrombophilia increase the risk of DVT and PEs;

Whereas DVT and PEs contribute to up to \$10,000,000,000 in incremental medical costs each year in the United States; and

Whereas the establishment of March as “Deep Vein Thrombosis and Pulmonary Embolism Awareness Month” would raise awareness about these life-threatening but preventable conditions: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2               (1) supports the goals and ideals of “Deep Vein

3       Thrombosis and Pulmonary Embolism Awareness

4       Month”; and

1           (2) recognizes the importance of raising aware-  
2           ness of deep vein thrombosis and pulmonary embo-  
3           lisms.