

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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Designating the week of February 26 through March 4, 2018, as “National Eating Disorders Awareness Week”, and supporting the goals and ideals of that week to raise awareness and understanding of eating disorders.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

_____ submitted the following resolution; which was referred
to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Designating the week of February 26 through March 4, 2018, as “National Eating Disorders Awareness Week”, and supporting the goals and ideals of that week to raise awareness and understanding of eating disorders.

Whereas eating disorders have affected 30,000,000 people of the United States, including people of all ages, races, sizes, sexual orientations, ethnicities, and socioeconomic statuses;

Whereas eating disorders are complex, biologically based illnesses, including the disorders of anorexia nervosa, bulimia nervosa, binge eating disorder, avoidant/restrictive food intake disorder, and other feeding or eating disorders;

Whereas individuals with eating disorders have among the highest mortality rate of individuals with mental illnesses;

Whereas eating disorders have a high prevalence among active members and veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States;

Whereas health professionals receive limited or no formal training about eating disorders or the identification and treatment of eating disorders;

Whereas eating disorders can be successfully treated with interventions at the appropriate durations and levels of care, yet only $\frac{1}{3}$ of individuals with eating disorders receive any medical, psychiatric, or therapeutic care;

Whereas best practice treatment of eating disorders includes patients, their families, and a comprehensive team of professionals such as social workers, mental health counselors, primary care practitioners, psychiatrists, psychologists, dietitians, art therapists, and other specialty providers; and

Whereas substantially more eating disorders research is needed to inform evidence-based treatments, promote prevention efforts, facilitate early identification, and provide insight on the cause of eating disorders and the damaging effects of eating disorders on minds and bodies: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates the week of February 26 through
3 March 4, 2018, as “National Eating Disorders
4 Awareness Week”;

5 (2) supports the goals and ideals of that week
6 to raise public awareness and understanding of eat-

1 ing disorders and the millions of families in the
2 United States affected by eating disorders;

3 (3) recognizes the need for adequate and appro-
4 priate treatment of individuals with eating disorders;

5 (4) acknowledges the essential nature of further
6 research on eating disorders; and

7 (5) encourages Federal, State, and local govern-
8 ments and the people of the United States—

9 (A) to support National Eating Disorders
10 Awareness Week through appropriate programs
11 and activities; and

12 (B) to promote public awareness of eating
13 disorders.