

114TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

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Designating the month of May 2016 as “Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

RESOLUTION

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Awareness Month”.

Whereas cystic fibrosis (in this preamble referred to as
“CF”) is a genetic disease affecting more than 30,000
children and adults in the United States and more than
70,000 children and adults worldwide;

Whereas, in patients with CF, a defective gene causes the
body to produce an abnormally thick, sticky mucus that
clogs the lungs, produces life-threatening lung infections,
and obstructs the pancreas, preventing digestive enzymes
from reaching the intestines to help break down and ab-
sorb food;

Whereas there are approximately 1,000 new cases of CF di-
agnosed each year;

Whereas infant blood screening to detect genetic defects is the most reliable and least costly method to identify individuals likely to have 1 of 1,800 different CF mutations;

Whereas early diagnosis of CF permits early treatment and enhances quality of life, longevity, and the treatment of CF;

Whereas CF impacts the families of patients because of the intense daily disease management protocols that patients must endure;

Whereas, in the United States, there are more than 120 CF care centers and 55 affiliate programs with highly trained and dedicated providers that specialize in delivering high-quality, coordinated care for CF patients and their families;

Whereas the number of adults with CF has steadily grown and the median age of survival for a person with CF is now nearly 40 years of age; and

Whereas innovative precision medicines and treatments have greatly improved and extended the lives of patients: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates the month of May 2016 as “Cys-
3 tic Fibrosis Awareness Month”;

4 (2) congratulates the community of individuals
5 who care for patients with cystic fibrosis for their
6 unrelenting dedication to those patients;

7 (3) recognizes that the care delivery system for
8 cystic fibrosis can be a model for building better
9 care coordination in the larger healthcare system;

1 (4) acknowledges the tremendous investments
2 and scientific achievements that have significantly
3 improved the lives of individuals with cystic fibrosis;
4 and

5 (5) urges researchers, developers, patients, and
6 providers to work together closely to find a cure for
7 this deadly disease.