

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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Designating September 2023 as “National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Ms. BALDWIN) submitted the following resolution;
which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Designating September 2023 as “National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month”.

Whereas approximately 302,000 individuals in the United States live with spinal cord injuries, which cost society billions of dollars in health care costs and lost wages;

Whereas there are approximately 18,000 new spinal cord injuries in the United States each year;

Whereas more than 42,000 individuals with spinal cord injuries are veterans;

Whereas motor vehicle accidents are the leading cause of spinal cord injuries;

Whereas almost half of all spinal cord injuries sustained by individuals 30 years of age or younger occur as a result of a vehicular accident;

Whereas the average remaining years of life for individuals living with spinal cord injuries has not improved significantly since the 1980s;

Whereas there is an urgent need to develop new neuroprotection, pharmacological, and regeneration treatments to reduce, prevent, and reverse paralysis; and

Whereas increased education and investment in research are key factors in improving outcomes for individuals living with spinal cord injuries, enhancing the quality of life of individuals with spinal cord injuries, and ultimately curing paralysis: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates September 2023 as “National
3 Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month”;

4 (2) supports the goals and ideals of National
5 Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month;

6 (3) continues to support research to find better
7 treatments, therapies, and a cure for spinal cord in-
8 juries;

9 (4) supports clinical trials for new therapies
10 that offer promise and hope to individuals living
11 with paralysis; and

12 (5) commends the dedication of national, re-
13 gional, and local organizations, researchers, doctors,
14 volunteers, and people across the United States who
15 are working to improve the quality of life of individ-

1 uals living with spinal cord injuries and their fami-
2 lies.