

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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Supporting the designation of September 2017 as “National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

RESOLUTION

Supporting the designation of September 2017 as “National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month”.

Whereas September has been declared “National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month”;

Whereas the theme for National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month in 2017 is “Join the Voices for Recovery: Strengthen Families and Communities”;

Whereas drug overdose is the leading cause of accidental death in the United States, with more than 63,000 lethal drug overdoses in 2016 or nearly 170 lethal drug overdoses per day in 2016;

Whereas drug overdose is now the leading cause of death in individuals in the United States under age 50;

Whereas the opioid epidemic has also caused a significant economic toll, estimated in 2016 by the Surgeon General to be \$442,000,000,000 annually;

Whereas the motto of National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month is “Prevention Works—Treatment is Effective—People Recover”;

Whereas, in 2016, of the more than 20,000,000 adults with a substance use disorder for drug or alcohol use, only 1 in 10 of those adults were able to access treatment;

Whereas for every \$1 invested in treatment for substance use disorder for drug or alcohol use, \$4 in healthcare costs and \$7 in criminal justice costs are saved; and

Whereas in the United States there are approximately 180 Collegiate Recovery Efforts, such as dorms, campus centers, and student groups with advisors: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate joins the voices for recovery to strengthen families and communities by—

2 (1) recognizing the importance of education and
3 prevention of substance use disorder and the critical
4 importance and effectiveness of treatment for sub-
5 stance use disorder;

6 (2) recognizing the possibility of recovery from
7 substance use disorder in this and every month; and

8 (3) honoring and celebrating—

9 (A) the achievements of the more than
10 25,000,000 people of the United States who are
11 in recovery from substance use disorder; and
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1 (B) the tens of millions of recovery allies
2 who support those people.