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Designating the week of September 23 through September 27, 2019, as
“Malnutrition Awareness Week”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. MURPHY (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. COONS, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. KING, and Mr. ROBERTS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Designating the week of September 23 through September
27, 2019, as “Malnutrition Awareness Week”.

Whereas malnutrition is the condition that occurs when a
person does not get enough nutrients;

Whereas malnutrition is a significant problem in the United
States and around the world, crossing all age, racial,
class, gender, and geographic lines;

Whereas, in the United States, infants, older adults, people
with chronic diseases, and other vulnerable populations
are particularly at risk for malnutrition;

Whereas disease-associated malnutrition costs the United
States more than \$15,500,000,000 each year;

Whereas approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of individuals in the United States have eating patterns of vegetables, fruits, dairy, and oils that are below the recommended dietary guidelines;

Whereas many vulnerable individuals in the United States do not get the daily recommended amount of lean proteins;

Whereas approximately 6,000,000 children in the United States live in food insecure homes;

Whereas the American Academy of Pediatrics has found that failure to provide key nutrients during early childhood may result in lifelong deficits in brain function;

Whereas disease-associated malnutrition affects between 30 and 50 percent of patients admitted to hospitals;

Whereas the medical costs of hospitalized patients with malnutrition can be 300 percent more than the medical costs of properly nourished patients;

Whereas more than $\frac{1}{2}$ of older adults living in the community are at risk for malnutrition; and

Whereas the American Society for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition created Malnutrition Awareness Week to raise awareness and promote prevention of malnutrition: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates the week of September 23
3 through September 27, 2019, as “Malnutrition
4 Awareness Week”;

5 (2) recognizes registered dietitian nutritionists
6 and other nutrition professionals, health care pro-
7 viders, social workers, advocates, caregivers, and

1 other professionals and agencies for their efforts to
2 advance awareness and prevention of malnutrition;

3 (3) recognizes the importance of existing Fed-
4 eral nutrition programs for their role in combatting
5 malnutrition and supports continuing resources to
6 prevent and treat malnutrition; and

7 (4) recognizes the need to reauthorize the spe-
8 cial supplemental nutrition program for women, in-
9 fants, and children established by section 17 of the
10 Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786) and
11 the child nutrition programs of the Department of
12 Agriculture to provide critical nutrition assistance to
13 vulnerable populations.