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1 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 168

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3 A Resolution recognizing the year 2004 as a significant  
4 anniversary in the efforts to address polio and encouraging  
5 the continuation of the efforts so that polio can be  
6 successfully eradicated throughout the world.

7 WHEREAS, 2004 marks the 50th anniversary of the  
8 successful nationwide trial of the injectable polio  
9 vaccine; and

10 WHEREAS, 2004 marks the 130th anniversary of the  
11 diagnosis of the first case of postpolio sequelae in  
12 which often disabling symptoms occur 35 years after  
13 the initial attack of the polio virus, including  
14 overwhelming fatigue, muscle weakness, muscle and  
15 joint pain, sleep disorders, cold pain, and difficulty  
16 swallowing and breathing; and

17 WHEREAS, while the polio vaccines have eliminated  
18 naturally occurring polio cases in the United States,  
19 more than 40 percent of children in the United States  
20 do not receive all doses of the vaccine, polio has not  
21 been eliminated in other parts of the world, and  
22 nearly 1.6 million polio survivors live in the United  
23 States who are susceptible to postpolio sequelae; NOW  
24 THEREFORE,

25 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That 2004 is  
26 recognized as the 50th anniversary of the injectable  
27 polio vaccine that virtually eradicated naturally  
28 occurring polio in the United States; and

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate encourages  
30 health care providers and health educators to continue

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1 their efforts to educate health professionals and the  
2 public concerning polio and to vaccinate children, so  
3 that eradication of this disease in the United States  
4 will continue to be the case and so that eradication  
5 of the disease will become a reality in other parts of  
6 the world.

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