

111TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. RES. 301

Designating October 2, 2009, as “World MRSA Day”.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 5, 2009

Mr. BURRIS (for himself and Mr. DURBIN) submitted the following resolution;  
which was considered and agreed to

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## RESOLUTION

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Whereas methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) causes deadly infections in patients that are receiving treatment in health care facilities and affects numerous individuals within our Nation’s communities;

Whereas the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has estimated that hospital-acquired MRSA infections killed more than 19,000 individuals in the United States in 2006;

Whereas patient and consumer advocacy organizations around the world are lending their voices to a call for leadership and an international commitment to preventing and eradicating MRSA, a disease that has reached pandemic levels and is spreading at an alarming rate;

Whereas patient and consumer advocacy organizations are calling upon health care officials and government leaders to step up and take a more comprehensive approach to stopping MRSA through implementation of a broad and proactive prevention program;

Whereas the MRSA Survivors Network, the first consumer organization in the United States to raise awareness concerning the MRSA epidemic and other such multi-drug resistant health care-acquired infections, has announced that October 2, 2009, has been designated as “World MRSA Day”, which shall be commemorated annually on such date; and

Whereas the MRSA Survivors Network has also designated the month of October as “World MRSA Awareness Month” in order to call attention to this worldwide epidemic: Now, therefore, be it

- 1       *Resolved*, That the Senate designates October 2,
- 2 2009, as “World MRSA Day”.

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