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Stevens Sponsored Resolution to Make April 2008 “National 9-1-1 Education Month” Passes Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The United States Senate last night passed by unanimous consent, Senate Resolution 468, sponsored by Senators Ted Stevens (R-Alaska) and Hillary Rodham Clinton (D-NY), which designates April 2008 as “National 9-1-1 Education Month.” The resolution recognizes the importance of educating citizens about the proper use of the 9-1-1 system.

Stevens noted that 9-1-1 education is crucial, as demonstrated by the story of 4-year-old Tony Sharpe, an Alaskan resident who dialed 9-1-1 when his mother lost consciousness during a gall bladder attack, essentially saving her life. Tony was recently presented with the Citizen in Action Award from the E-9-1-1 Institute.

“9-1-1 calls are a lifeline for those in danger and are essential for our public safety personnel to respond quickly to emergencies,” said Senator Stevens. “Designating April 2008 as National 9-1-1 Education Month recognizes the important need to educate all Americans about the proper use of 9-1-1.”

“In an emergency, knowing how to correctly use 911 can mean the difference between life and death. Effective 9-1-1 education can save lives, aid our first responders, and keep our communities safe,” **Senator Clinton** said. “We should do all we can to educate the public about this vital service and I am pleased that the Senate has passed this resolution and has designated April and National 911 Education Month.”

Highlights of Senate Resolution 468 include:

- Public awareness events, including conferences and media outreach, training activities for parents, teachers, school administrators, other caregivers and businesses;
- educational events in schools and other appropriate venues; and
- production and distribution of information about the 9-1-1 system designed to educate people of all ages on the importance and proper use of 9-1-1.

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