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# S. RES. 532

Recognizing the 100th anniversary of the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma and the importance of preventing injury and saving more lives from injury around the globe.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 3, 2022

Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself and Mr. MENENDEZ) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## RESOLUTION

Recognizing the 100th anniversary of the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma and the importance of preventing injury and saving more lives from injury around the globe.

Whereas traumatic injury is the most common cause of death for individuals aged 1–45 years and the cause of nearly 200,000 deaths per year in the United States;

Whereas 45,000,000 Americans live more than one hour away from a Level I or Level II trauma center;

Whereas trauma systems are designed to deliver optimal trauma care for injured patients, informed by best evidence and accessible to all injured patients, regardless of circumstance;

Whereas the Committee on Trauma was established by the American College of Surgeons (ACS) in 1922 to develop and implement programs that support injury prevention and ensure optimal patient outcomes across the continuum of care;

Whereas the ACS Committee on Trauma works to improve the care of injured patients through activities in trauma system evaluation, trauma center verification, trauma quality improvement, and education;

Whereas the ACS Committee on Trauma endeavors to improve care for injured patients by setting standards of care, measuring risk-adjusted patient outcomes, promoting best practices, and driving performance improvement;

Whereas the ACS Committee on Trauma has focused continuously and collaboratively through a public health approach to prevent injuries, with major reductions in the risk of injury, particularly from motor vehicle collisions;

Whereas the ACS Committee on Trauma created the Consultation/Verification Program in 1987 to assist hospitals in the evaluation and improvement of trauma care and provide objective, external review of institutional capabilities and performance;

Whereas the ACS Committee on Trauma created the National Trauma Data Bank, the largest aggregation of United States trauma registries ever assembled, in 1989, to generate data sets for expanding knowledge in trauma through research;

Whereas the ACS Committee on Trauma created the Trauma Systems Consultation Program in 1996 to review State

and regional trauma systems and provide recommendations for system improvement and enhancement;

Whereas the ACS Committee on Trauma created the Trauma Quality Improvement Program in 2008 to elevate the quality of care for trauma patients by collecting data from trauma centers, providing feedback on performance compared to national benchmarks, and identifying institutional characteristics for optimal patient outcomes;

Whereas the ACS Committee on Trauma established the STOP THE BLEED campaign in 2015 to prepare the public to save lives by teaching people three quick actions to control serious bleeding and save lives; and

Whereas the ACS Committee on Trauma is committed to developing a National Trauma and Emergency Preparedness System that saves more lives from daily injury and mass casualty events by connecting local, State, and regional trauma systems and informing best practice through standards and research: Now, therefore, be it

- 1       *Resolved*, That the Senate recognizes the 100th anni-
- 2 versary of the American College of Surgeons Committee
- 3 on Trauma and its significant contributions to preventing
- 4 injury and saving lives from injury in the United States
- 5 and around the globe.

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