# Public Law 100-75
# 100th Congress

## Joint Resolution

July 20, 1987
[S.J. Res. 85]

To designate the period commencing on August 2, 1987, and ending on August 8, 1987, as "International Special Olympics Week", and to designate August 3, 1987, as "International Special Olympics Day".

Whereas nearly one million mentally handicapped individuals participate annually in Special Olympics events all over the world;

Whereas Special Olympics competition enables each athlete to form a healthy self-image with which to build a positive working environment for the home and job;

Whereas the past two decades have marked monumental milestones in the care, training, and skills of Special Olympians;

Whereas the International Summer Special Olympic Games, held every four years, are the culmination of 20,000 communities competing in Special Olympics around the world;

Whereas the 1987 VII International Summer Special Olympic Games from July 31, to August 8, in South Bend, Indiana, will host 6,000 athletes, 15,000 volunteers, and thousands of guests from 65 countries and the United States and its territories and possessions;

Whereas these International Games will be the largest worldwide amateur sporting event of 1987; and

Whereas both mentally handicapped children and adults will compete in over 13 official and demonstration sports in a true display of unity which signifies the spirit of the International Summer Special Olympic Games: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the period commencing on August 2, 1987, and ending on August 8, 1987, is designated as "International Special Olympics Week", and August 3, 1987, is designated as "International Special Olympics Day", and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to observe such period and day with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

Approved July 20, 1987.

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