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Joint Resolution

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[S.J. Res. 122]

To designate the week beginning October 16, 1988, as "Gaucher's Disease Awareness Week."

Whereas Gaucher's disease is caused by the failure of the body to produce an essential enzyme;

Whereas the absence of such enzyme causes the body to store abnormal quantities of lipids in the liver and spleen and frequently has an adverse effect on tissues in the body, particularly bone tissue;

Whereas among Jewish persons, Gaucher's disease is the most common inherited disorder affecting the metabolism of lipids, which are one of the principle structural components of living cells;

Whereas there is no known cure for Gaucher's disease and no successful treatment of the symptoms of the disease;

Whereas the increased awareness and understanding of Gaucher's disease by the people of the United States can aid in the development of a treatment and cure for the disease;

Whereas the National Gaucher's Disease Foundation provides funds for research in the United States with respect to the disease; and

Whereas research and clinical programs with respect to Gaucher's disease should be increased: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the week beginning October 16, 1988, is designated as "Gaucher's Disease Awareness Week", and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe such week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Approved February 29, 1988.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—S.J. Res. 122:

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