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To designate the week beginning June 11, 1989, as "National Scleroderma Awareness Week".

Whereas scleroderma is a disease in which connective tissue in the body becomes hardened and rigid, and might afflict any part of the body;
Whereas approximately 300,000 people in the United States suffer from scleroderma;
Whereas women are afflicted by scleroderma 3 times more often than men;
Whereas scleroderma is a chronic and often progressive illness that can result in death;
Whereas the symptoms of scleroderma vary greatly from person to person and can complicate and confuse diagnosis;
Whereas the cause and cure of scleroderma are unknown; and
Whereas scleroderma is an orphan disease and is considered to be under-studied: 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 June 11, 1989, is designated as "National Scleroderma Awareness Week", and the President of the United States is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe the week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

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