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To designate the month of May 1990, as "National Trauma Awareness Month".

Whereas more than eight million individuals in the United States suffer traumatic injury each year;
Whereas traumatic injury is the leading cause of death of individuals less than forty-four years of age in the United States;
Whereas every individual is a potential victim of traumatic injury;
Whereas traumatic injury often occurs without warning;
Whereas traumatic injury frequently renders its victims incapable of caring for themselves;
Whereas past inattention to the causes and effects of trauma has led to the inclusion of trauma among the most neglected medical conditions;
Whereas the people of the United States spend more than $110,000,000,000 on the problem of trauma;
Whereas the problem of trauma can be remedied only by prevention and treatment through emergency medical services and trauma systems; and
Whereas the people of the United States must be educated in the prevention and treatment of trauma and in the proper and effective use of emergency medical systems: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That May 1990 is designated as "National Trauma Awareness Month", 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 month with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Approved May 10, 1990.

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