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Designating September 1992 as "Childhood Cancer Month".

Whereas dramatic progress has been made in the early diagnosis and treatment of cancer and, as a result, young cancer victims and their families no longer need to relinquish their dreams for the future;

Whereas according to the Department of Health and Human Services, the number of child deaths from cancer in the United States declined by 36 percent between 1973 and 1987;

Whereas despite such encouraging progress, cancer deaths continue to be the leading cause of death by disease among children between the ages of 3 and 14;

Whereas families facing the specter of childhood cancer need the best possible medical care and emotional support that can be provided;

Whereas brothers and sisters of young cancer victims need special consideration both at home and at school;

Whereas young cancer victims need financial help, understanding and compassion, and the opportunity to express and pursue the fresh, unjaded dreams that are the hallmark of childhood;

Whereas many private organizations (including the National Cancer Institute) and government agencies throughout the United States are working to meet the needs of children with cancer and hundreds of private volunteer organizations at both the national and international level (including the American Cancer Society, the Leukemia Society of America, the Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Foundation, and the Ronald McDonald Foundation) are helping parents and children to cope with this tremendous problem; and

Whereas recognition should be given to the dedication and hard work of scientists, health care professionals, and volunteers who are working to overcome childhood cancer, to assist its victims, and to express admiration and support for the courageous youngsters and parents who struggle with this disease: Now, therefore, be it

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Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That September 1992 is designated as "Childhood Cancer Month", and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe such month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

Approved September 2, 1992.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—H.J. Res. 492:

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