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Joint Resolution

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To designate October 7, 1979, the Sunday of "Fire Prevention Week" as "Firefighters' Memorial Sunday"; to designate October 14, 1978, as "National Jogging Day"; and to designate and authorize the President to proclaim, February 11, 1979, as "National Inventors' Day".

Whereas courageous firefighters have protected the lives and dreams of their neighbors from the ravages of fire since the beginning of civilization; and

Whereas many of the courageous firefighters have suffered permanent disability and some have made the ultimate expression of love for their neighbor by laying down their lives; and

Whereas numerous churches and many denominations have indicated a desire to participate in a designated memorial Sunday honoring these consecrated firefighters for their ultimate sacrifices for their fellow men;

Whereas jogging is an excellent form of exercise that provides opportunities for a graduated program of physical fitness for most individuals regardless of age, sex, or level of fitness;

Whereas numerous medical authorities believe that a regular, sensible jogging program improves the function of heart, blood vessels, and lungs, and serves as an advisable supplement to a weight-reducing or weight control program;

Whereas a positive correlation exists between the development of a fit body and the ability to experience an enriched and more satisfying life;

Whereas over three hundred thousand persons all across America participated in hundreds of fun runs and fitness clinics last year and countless other individuals participated in jogging and running as a leisure time activity which is beneficial and enjoyable: Now, therefore, be it

Firefighters' Memorial Sunday. Designation authorization.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation designating October 7, 1979, the Sunday of "Fire Prevention Week" as "Firefighters' Memorial Sunday", and inviting the people of the United States to observe such day with appropriate ceremonies and activities to commemorate the firefighters who have been disabled or killed in the line of duty.

National Jogging Day. Designation authorization.

SEC. 2. The President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation declaring October 14, 1978, as "National Jogging Day", and calling upon the people of the United States and interested groups to celebrate such day by embarking upon or containing a program of regular exercise, participation in sports and games for fitness and fun.

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SEC. 3. In honor of the important role played by inventors in promoting progress in the useful arts and in recognition of the invaluable contribution of inventors to the welfare of our people, February 11, 1979, is hereby designated "National Inventors' Day". The President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to celebrate such day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

National Inventors' Day. Designation authorization.

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