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Joint Resolution

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Authorizing the President to proclaim the third week of May of 1978 and 1979 as "National Architectural Barrier Awareness Week".

Whereas architectural barriers infringe upon the rights of the physically handicapped by impeding their access to buildings and other facilities in the United States; and

Whereas the Congress has enacted legislation requiring the removal of architectural barriers at institutions receiving Federal funds; and

Whereas the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 provides deductions of as much as $25,000 per year to taxpayers to encourage the removal of architectural barriers; and

Whereas public commitment is necessary to achieve the goal of removing architectural barriers from buildings and other facilities in the United States; and

Whereas public commitment to solve the problem of architectural barriers is based upon public awareness of such problem and the means to solve such problem; and

Whereas the American National Standards Institute has developed standards which, if implemented, would increase the accessibility of buildings and other facilities in the United States to the physically handicapped: Now, therefore, be it

National Architectural Barrier Awareness Week. 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 the third week of May of 1978 and 1979 as "National Architectural Barrier Awareness Week", and calling upon the people of the United States to observe such week with appropriate activities.

Approved April 24, 1978.

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