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Joint Resolution

To authorize and request the President to proclaim the week of September 16 through 22, 1979, as "National Meals on Wheels Week".

Sept. 19, 1979
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Whereas, visiting nurses appealed for help to prevent further health breakdown and hospital admissions of several aged patients who were living on grossly inadequate diets; and

Whereas with the delivery of meals beginning in 1954, a new and progressive step in the care of the aged evolved which resulted in maintaining a number of elderly people as free and independent souls living at home instead of in an institution; and

Whereas over one hundred thousand well-balanced meals are delivered daily to aged and ailing people across the Nation to the end that they are happier, more vigorous, and better adjusted individuals; and

Whereas the delivery of meals originated on a volunteer basis in the private sector, has great merit as a direct service to the people, and bears witness to social and economic needs of many of our older citizens: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in recognition of the selfless service performed, the President is hereby authorized and requested to issue a proclamation designating the week of September 16 through 22, 1979, as "National Meals on Wheels Week" and inviting the Governors of the several States, the chief officials of local governments, and the people of the United States to observe such same week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

National Meals on Wheels Week. Designation authorization.

Approved September 19, 1979.

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