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98th Congress

Joint Resolution

To designate the month of October 1984 as "National Quality Month".

Sept. 28, 1984
[S.J. Res. 304]

Whereas the United States has been preeminent in quality technology development since the Industrial Revolution;
Whereas the performance and spirit that typified early American craftsmen was based on individual interest in quality of goods and service;
Whereas the pride of workmanship that once prevailed must be reinforced through a renewed commitment to quality and knowledge of quality technology in more complex contemporary industrial, commercial, and governmental organizations;
Whereas American goods and services represent the highest standards of excellence in quality;
Whereas the strength of the Nation relies on the ability of industry to produce quality goods and services;
Whereas the United States must produce high quality goods and services to maintain a position of leadership in the world marketplace;
Whereas the commitment to quality involves recognition and implementation of a consistent quality policy, the use of quality technology, and utilization of talents throughout an organization toward quality improvement;
Whereas the emphasis on quality in manufacturing and service will increase productivity through emphasis on defect prevention, waste reduction, and improved reliability of products and services;
Whereas the White House Conference on Productivity Report of the Preparatory Conference on Private Sector Initiatives recommended that a quality awareness campaign be implemented at the national level and within the private sector to demonstrate that rapid improvement in quality and productivity is essential to the survival of the national economy;
Whereas the American Society for Quality Control has been a leader in the development, promotion and application of quality and quality related technology since 1946;
Whereas the American Society for Quality Control is engaged in a campaign to convince officials in government and industry that increased productivity, reduced costs, and consumer satisfaction will result from commitment to improved quality standards;

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Whereas the American Society for Quality Control will sponsor activities to observe National Quality Week; and

Whereas the theme of National Quality Week will be "Quality First" to emphasize that quality is an integral part of the processes that produce goods and services: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the month of October 1984, is designated as "National Quality 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 and activities.

Approved September 28, 1984.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—S.J. Res. 304:

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