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Joint Resolution

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To designate the week of November 12, 1984, through November 18, 1984, as "National Reye's Syndrome Week".

Whereas Reye's Syndrome is a disease of unknown cause that usually attacks healthy children under nineteen years of age and kills or cripples more than half of the victims within several days;

Whereas Reye's Syndrome is one of the top ten killers among all diseases of children;

Whereas Reye's Syndrome was a misdiagnosed illness of children until recognized as a specific illness in 1963;

Whereas the reporting of cases of Reye's Syndrome is required in only one-half of the States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the other territories and possessions of the United States;

Whereas national Reye's Syndrome volunteer organizations are established throughout the United States and are supported by thousands of parents;

Whereas such volunteer organizations exist to encourage involvement of the Federal Government in supporting Reye's Syndrome research, to encourage coordination of the treatment and research efforts by the various Reye's Syndrome treatment and research centers, to establish Reye's Syndrome as a reportable disease in every State, to establish a position for the review of data on Reye's Syndrome patients at the Center for Disease Control, to sponsor a multicenter research study by recognized authorities on Reye's Syndrome, to sponsor programs to educate parents and medical professionals with respect to diagnosis and treatment of the illness, and to raise funds for research into cause, prevention, and treatment of Reye's Syndrome;

Whereas the public and the Federal Government are not sufficiently aware of the continuous increase in the incidence of Reye's Syndrome; and

Whereas the Governors of several States have declared Reye's Syndrome weeks: 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 the week of November 12, 1984, through November 18, 1984, is designated "National Reye's Syndrome Week" and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe that week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Approved October 19, 1984.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—S.J. Res. 259:

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