

Public Law 99-138
99th Congress

Joint Resolution

To provide for the designation of October 1985, as "National Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Awareness Month".

Oct. 30, 1985

[H.J. Res. 322]

Whereas Sudden Infant Death Syndrome is a recognized disease entity which kills thousands of infants each year in the United States;

Whereas Sudden Infant Death Syndrome is the leading killer of infants between the age of one week and one year;

Whereas Sudden Infant Death Syndrome knows no boundaries of race, ethnic group, region, class, or country;

Whereas the victims of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome are babies who appear healthy but who nonetheless die without warning during sleep and nap time;

Whereas the parents and siblings of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome often suffer anguish because many people are unaware of the existence of the pernicious killer;

Whereas research is underway throughout the world to identify the causes and process of the syndrome and to treat infants who can be identified as potential victims; and

Whereas an increase in the national awareness of the problem of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome may ease the burden of the families of victims and may stimulate interest in increased research into the causes and the cure of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome: 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 1985, is designated as "National Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Awareness Month", and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe this month with appropriate activities.

Approved October 30, 1985.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—H.J. Res. 322:

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