

H. Res. 760

In the House of Representatives, U. S.,

November 13, 2007.

Whereas children comprise one quarter of the population of the United States;

Whereas nearly 1 in 5 children in the United States are overweight;

Whereas 7 percent of children in the United States have limitations on activity due to chronic health conditions;

Whereas an estimated 12 percent of high school seniors put themselves at risk by smoking cigarettes daily;

Whereas children account for 30,000,000 annual visits to the emergency room to receive care for injuries or illnesses;

Whereas asthma affects nearly 5,000,000 American children;

Whereas allergies affect about 50,000,000 American children;

Whereas motor vehicle crashes are the number one cause of death for children and adolescents ages 1 to 21;

Whereas dental caries is the most common chronic disease affecting American children, and is 5 times more common than asthma and 7 times more common than hay fever;

Whereas during fiscal year 2005, an estimated 899,000 children in the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico were determined to be victims of abuse or neglect; and

Whereas every year since 1928 the President has issued a proclamation designating the month October as “Children’s Health Month”: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) supports the goals and ideals of Children’s Health Month;

(2) invites the chief executive officers of the States, territories, and possessions of the United States to issue proclamations recognizing the goals and ideals of Children’s Health Month;

(3) commends the efforts of States, territories, and possessions of the United States, localities, nonprofit organizations, businesses, and the people of the United States who support the goals and ideals of Children’s Health Month;

(4) recognizes and reaffirms our Nation’s commitment to providing access to health care, ensuring preventative care, seeking cures for debilitating diseases and chronic conditions, and promoting healthy living habits for America’s children;

(5) recognizes and salutes the health care professionals who provide care and treatment for childhood illnesses and afflictions;

(6) recognizes and salutes the officials who protect children from environmental health and safety risks;

(7) recognizes and salutes the officials who educate parents, schools, and communities about health risks and related issues for children; and

(8) encourages States, territories, and possessions of the United States to educate children about healthy living habits when they are young so that they will be more likely to lead healthy lives as adults.

Attest:

Clerk.