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Joint Resolution

Designating the week of September 13 through September 19, 1987, as "National Reye's Syndrome Awareness Week".

Aug. 20, 1987

[H.J. Res. 335]

Whereas Reye's Syndrome is a disease of unknown cause that swiftly strikes children, adolescents and adults recovering from a viral illness;

Whereas because Reye's Syndrome has no cure, over 30 percent of its victims die and another 15-25 percent are left with brain damage;

Whereas recent medical research has proven a link between the use of aspirin (salicylate) and the development of Reye's Syndrome;

Whereas the Surgeon General, the Center for Disease Control, the American Academy of Pediatrics and the National Reye's Syndrome Foundation have issued warnings against the use of aspirin for children and young adults recovering from influenza-like illnesses and chicken pox;

Whereas the symptoms of Reye's Syndrome are unfamiliar to most citizens and health professionals, and this lack of knowledge often leads to misdiagnosis and improper treatment;

Whereas the current reporting of cases does not provide a true count of the incidence of the disease since comprehensive records are not maintained throughout the United States and more cases are annually reported to the National Reye's Syndrome Foundation than to the Center for Disease Control;

Whereas the National Reye's Syndrome Foundation is a volunteer organization with affiliates established throughout the continental United States and is supported by thousands of volunteers;

Whereas the goals of the National Reye's Syndrome Foundation are to assist in the communication of information on Reye's Syndrome to the general public and the medical community, to stimulate the scientific community by sponsoring symposiums, to support research that will identify the cause, develop a cure and lead to the prevention of Reye's Syndrome, to give families experiencing the personal trauma of Reye's Syndrome support and guidance, and to encourage the Federal Government to support and sponsor Reye's Syndrome research; and

Whereas there has been a lack of urgency to resolve the mystery of Reye's Syndrome at the Federal level: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the week of September 13 through September 19, 1987, is designated as "National

Reye's Syndrome Awareness 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.

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**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—H.J. Res. 335 (S.J. Res. 155):**

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Aug. 7, S.J. Res. 155 and H.J. Res. 335 considered and passed Senate.