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Designating September 1993 as "Childhood Cancer Month".

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Mr. FAZIO introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service

JOINT RESOLUTION

Designating September 1993 as "Childhood Cancer Month".

Whereas according to the National Cancer Institute, 8,000 children will be diagnosed with cancer this year, and only 70 percent of these children will survive;

Whereas dramatic progress has been made in the early diagnosis and treatment of cancer and, as a result, young cancer victims and their families no longer need to relinquish their dreams for the future;

Whereas despite such encouraging progress, cancer deaths continue to be the leading cause of death by disease among children between the ages of 1 and 14;

Whereas families facing the specter of childhood cancer need the best possible medical care and emotional support that can be provided;

Whereas brothers and sisters of young cancer patients need special consideration both at home and at school;

Whereas young cancer patients need financial help, understanding and compassion, and the opportunity to express and pursue the dreams that are the hallmark of their childhood;

Whereas recognition should be given to the dedication and hard work of scientists, health care professionals and volunteers who are working to overcome childhood cancer, to assist its victims and to express admiration and support for the courageous youngsters and parents who struggle with this disease; and

Whereas many private organizations and government agencies throughout the United States are working to meet the needs of children with cancer (including The Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Foundation, the American Cancer Society, the Leukemia Society of America, and The Ronald McDonald Houses) and are helping parents and children to cope with this tremendous problem:

Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
- 2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
- 3 That September 1993 is designated as "Childhood Cancer
- 4 Month", and the President is authorized and requested
- 5 to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the
- 6 United States to observe such month with appropriate
- 7 programs, ceremonies, and activities.

