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H. J. RES. 206

To designate the month of October 1993 and October 1994 as “National Down Syndrome Awareness Month”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. NORTON (for herself and Mr. RAVENEL) introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service

JOINT RESOLUTION

To designate the month of October 1993 and October 1994 as “National Down Syndrome Awareness Month”.

Whereas advancements in education, research, and public awareness are continuing to improve the quality of life for people with Down Syndrome;

Whereas approximately 5,000 children are born with Down Syndrome annually in the United States;

Whereas ignorance, prejudices, myths, and stereotypes regarding Down Syndrome can be overcome only through increased awareness and education;

Whereas, through the efforts of concerned physicians, educators, parent groups, and the National Down Syndrome Society, programs are encouraging communities to include people with Down Syndrome in all school programs, to provide vocational training for individuals with Down Syndrome in preparation for entering the work force, and to prepare young adults with Down Syndrome for independent living and jobs in the community;

Whereas television media has greatly augmented such public awareness and education efforts by casting actors with Down Syndrome and offering programming that accurately and positively depicts the everyday, personal and familial effects of living with individuals with Down Syndrome; and

Whereas many people with Down Syndrome who perform such activities as attending regular schools, playing on Little League teams, working in corporations and businesses large and small, and volunteering in communities demonstrate daily the successes people with Down Syndrome are able to achieve: 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 the months of October 1993 and October 1994, are
 4 each designated as “National Down Syndrome Awareness
 5 Month”. The President is requested to issue a proclama-
 6 tion calling on the people of the United States to observe
 7 such months with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

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