

103<sup>D</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. J. RES. 403

To designate October 1, 1994, as “National Incest and Sexual Abuse Healing Day”.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 18, 1994

Ms. MOLINARI (for herself, Mr. BAKER of California, Mr. CAMP, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. KING, Mr. LEVY, Mr. MALONEY, Mr. MCCRERY, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. QUINN, Mrs. ROUKEMA, Mr. SUNDQUIST, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. TRAFICANT, and Ms. VELÁZQUEZ) introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service

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## **JOINT RESOLUTION**

To designate October 1, 1994, as “National Incest and Sexual Abuse Healing Day”.

Whereas child abuse occurs in alarming proportions, with 2,900,000 reported cases in 1992, increasing by 50 percent between 1985 and 1992;

Whereas sexual abuse of children, including abuse by family members, is a crime crossing all social or economic boundaries in the United States;

Whereas child abuse is frequently perpetuated, as one generation of victims becomes the next generation of abusers, creating a vicious cycle of violence;

Whereas opportunities to speak out publicly and truthfully about child sexual abuse are deemed of value by numerous survivors and victims' advocates, as a means to promote public awareness and understanding and to foster a sense of support for and among victims;

Whereas open and honest dialogue is a prerequisite for progress in combating child abuse; and

Whereas October 1, 1994, will be the first nationwide "speak out" by survivors of incest and child sexual abuse: 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 October 1, 1994, is designated as "National Incest  
4        and Sexual Abuse Healing Day", and the President is au-  
5        thorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling  
6        upon the people of the United States to observe such day  
7        with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

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