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Designating October 23, 1994, through October 31, 1994, as “National Red Ribbon Week for a Drug-Free America”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

JOINT RESOLUTION

Designating October 23, 1994, through October 31, 1994, as “National Red Ribbon Week for a Drug-Free America”.

Whereas substance abuse has reached epidemic proportions and is of major concern to all Americans;

Whereas substance abuse is a major public health threat and is one of the major causes of preventable disease, disability, and death in the United States today;

Whereas illegal drug use is not limited to persons of a particular age, gender, or socioeconomic status;

Whereas the drug problem appears to be insurmountable, but the United States has begun to lay the foundation to combat the use of illegal drugs;

Whereas the United States must continue the important strides made to combat substance abuse;

Whereas it has been demonstrated through public opinion polls that the American people consider drug abuse one of the most serious domestic problems facing the United States and have begun to take steps against it;

Whereas the National Family Partnership has declared October 23, 1994, through October 31, 1994, as “National Red Ribbon Week”, has organized the National Red Ribbon Celebration to coordinate the week’s activities, has established the theme, “Healthy Means Drug Free” for the week, and has called for a comprehensive public awareness, prevention, and education program involving thousands of parent and community groups across the country;

Whereas any use of an illegal drug is unacceptable and the illegal use of a legal drug cannot be tolerated; and

Whereas substance abuse destroys lives, spawns crime, undermines our economy, and threatens our security as a Nation: 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—

4 (1) October 23, 1994, through October 31,

5 1994, is designated as “National Red Ribbon Week

6 for a Drug-Free America”;

1 (2) the President is authorized and directed to
2 issue a proclamation calling on the people of the
3 United States—

4 (A) to observe the week by holding con-
5 ferences, meetings and other activities to sup-
6 port community education, and with other ap-
7 propriate activities, events and educational cam-
8 paigns; and

9 (B) both during the week and thereafter,
10 to wear and display red ribbons to present and
11 symbolize commitment to a healthy, drug-free
12 life style, and to develop an attitude of intoler-
13 ance concerning the use of drugs; and

14 (3) Congress recognizes and commends the
15 hard work and dedication of concerned parents,
16 youth, law enforcement officials, educators, business
17 leaders, religious leaders, private sector organiza-
18 tions, and Government leaders in combating sub-
19 stance abuse.

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