

## H. J. RES. 68

To designate the months of April 1993 and 1994 as "National Child Abuse Prevention Month".

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 25, 1993

Mr. COLEMAN (for himself, Mr. EVANS, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. SLATTERY, Mr. KLECZKA, MS. MALONEY, Mr. WALSH, Mr. PETE GEREN of Texas, Mr. MCHUGH, MS. PELOSI, Mr. DE LA GARZA, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. GORDON, Mr. BACCHUS of Florida, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. SWETT, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. McDERMOTT, MS. KAPTUR, Mr. SARPALIUS, Mr. WOLF, MS. NORTON, Mr. MAZZOLI, Mr. CAMP, Mr. WILSON, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. CONYERS, MS. FURSE, Mr. BLUTE, MrS. KENNELLY, Mr. KOPETSKI, Mr. PETERSON of Florida, Mr. BRYANT, Mr. KILDEE, and Mr. FROST) introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service

## **JOINT RESOLUTION**

To designate the months of April 1993 and 1994 as "National Child Abuse Prevention Month".

Whereas the incidence and prevalence of child abuse and neglect have reached alarming proportions in the United States;

- Whereas an estimated four million children become victims of child abuse in this Nation each year;
- Whereas an estimated five thousand of these children die as a result of such abuse each year;
- Whereas the Nation faces a continuing need to support innovative programs to prevent child abuse and assist parents and family members in which child abuse occurs;
- Whereas Congress has expressed its commitment to seeking and applying solutions to this problem by enacting the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act of 1974;
- Whereas many dedicated individuals in public welfare agencies and in private organizations, including Child Help U.S.A., Parents Anonymous, the National Committee for the Prevention of Child Abuse, the American Humane Association, and other members of the National Child Abuse Coalition, are working to counter the ravages of abuse and neglect by helping child abusers break this destructive pattern of behavior and by helping to prevent child abuse in the next generation through special programs for abused children; and
- Whereas it is appropriate to focus the attention of the Nation upon the problem of child 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 the months of April, 1993 and 1994, are designated
- 4 as "National Child Abuse Prevention Month", and the
- 5 President is authorized and requested to issue a proclama-
- 6 tion calling upon all Government agencies and the people

- 1 of the United States to observe such month with appro-
- 2 priate programs, ceremonies, and activities.