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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, disabili-
ty, and death in the United States today;

Whereas illegal drug use is not limited to persons of a par-
ticular 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 Octo-
ber 23, 1993, through October 30, 1993, as “National
Red Ribbon Week”, has organized the National Red Rib-
bon Campaign to coordinate the week’s activities, has es-

tablished the theme, “Neighbors—Drug Free and Proud” 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, 1993, through October 30,
 5 1993, is designated as “National Red Ribbon Week
 6 for a Drug-Free America”;

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

10 (A) to observe the week by holding con-
 11 ferences, meetings and other activities to sup-
 12 port community education, and with other ap-
 13 propriate activities, events and educational cam-
 14 paigns; and

15 (B) both during the week and thereafter,
 16 to wear and display red ribbons to present and
 17 symbolize commitment to a healthy, drug-free

1 life style, and to develop an attitude of intoler-
2 ance concerning the use of drugs; and

3 (3) Congress recognizes and commends the
4 hard work and dedication of concerned parents,
5 youth, law enforcement officials, educators, business
6 leaders, religious leaders, private sector organiza-
7 tions, and Government leaders in combating sub-
8 stance abuse.

Passed the Senate October 29 (legislative day, Octo-
ber 13), 1993.

Attest:

Secretary.