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S. J. RES. 160

To designate the month of April 1994 as “National Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Awareness Month”, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 22, 1993

Mr. RIEGLE introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JOINT RESOLUTION

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Whereas sudden infant death syndrome is a leading cause of death in the United States for infants between the ages of 1 week and 1 year old;

Whereas sudden infant death syndrome causes more infant deaths per year than cancer, heart disease, pneumonia, child abuse, acquired immune deficiency syndrome, cystic fibrosis, and muscular dystrophy, combined;

Whereas the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, at the request of Congress, has conducted a 5-year research project that will soon be completed to identify children at risk of sudden infant death syndrome

and to direct research efforts to find a cure for sudden infant death syndrome;

Whereas further research at the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development is needed to pursue promising research leads;

Whereas the level of public awareness concerning this lethal childhood illness is low; and

Whereas increased awareness will alert families and health care providers to the threat of sudden infant death syndrome before it strikes and, thus, reduce the threat of sudden infant death syndrome: 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 month of April in the year 1994 is designated
4 as “National Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Awareness
5 Month”. The President is authorized and requested to
6 issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United
7 States to observe the month with appropriate programs
8 and activities.

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