

103^D CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

S. J. RES. 184

Designating September 18, 1994, through September 24, 1994, as “Iron Overload Diseases Awareness Week”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 5 (legislative day, MAY 2), 1994

Mr. THURMOND introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JOINT RESOLUTION

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Whereas 1 United States resident in 200 is estimated to carry double genes that cause accumulation of excessive iron stores, resulting in diseases of the heart, liver, sex glands, pancreas, and the joints, with ultimate fatality if untreated;

Whereas our Nation’s carrier rate of the single hemochromatosis gene is estimated to be 26 in 200; and

Whereas many doctors and their patients are not aware of this incidence: 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 September 18, 1994, through September 24, 1994,

1 is designated as “Iron Overload Diseases Awareness
2 Week”, and citizens of the United States are urged to par-
3 ticipate in protecting their health by informing themselves
4 of this common but underdiagnosed condition.

