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Designating the week beginning November 14, 1993, and the week beginning November 13, 1994, each as "Geography Awareness Week".

Whereas geography is the study of people and their planet, offering a framework for understanding ourselves, our interdependence with other peoples, our relationship to the Earth, and world events;

Whereas the United States has both worldwide involvements and influence that demand an understanding of geography, different cultures, and foreign languages;

Whereas a thorough knowledge of geography, different cultures, and foreign languages is essential to maintain the Nation's stature in the international community in matters of business, politics, the environment, and global events;

Whereas a geographic perspective is needed to understand the relationship between human activity and the condition of our planet in this time of increasing environmental problems;

Whereas our Nation's Governors, in their National Education Goals, explicitly identified geography along with English, mathematics, science, and history as the 5 core subjects in which American students should demonstrate competency;

Whereas world standards are being developed as benchmarks for student performance in each of the core subjects identified in the National Education Goals; and

Whereas a knowledge of world geography is essential for citizens of the United States to assume a responsible role in the future of an increasingly interconnected and interdependent world: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the week beginning November 14, 1993, and the week beginning November 13, 1994, each be designated as "Geography Awareness Week",

and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe such weeks with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Approved November 17, 1993.

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