

Public Law 98-187  
98th Congress

Joint Resolution

To designate the week of December 4, 1983, through December 10, 1983, as "Carrier Alert Week".

Nov. 30, 1983  
[S.J. Res. 141]

Whereas the National Association of Letter Carriers and the United States Postal Service, recognizing their unique presence in the neighborhoods of America, and further recognizing the needs of a special segment of postal customers, the homebound, the elderly, and the handicapped, and resolving to encourage joint support of local community social service agencies in a program called Carrier Alert;

Whereas under Carrier Alert, the local sponsoring social service agency notifies the local post office of customers who wish to participate in this program, and the letter carrier of the customer, in the performance of daily rounds, will be alert to an accumulation of mail which might signify a sudden illness or accident, and through locally developed procedures, the accumulation of such mail will be reported to the social service agency for appropriate followup; and

Whereas Carrier Alert, an all volunteer program, is a natural extension of the care which individual letter carriers traditionally have exhibited for customers, not just in the delivery of mail, but in a genuine concern for the well being of such customers, and it has been customary for letter carriers to show particular consideration for customers whose health or advanced age required a little extra special attention: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the United States Congress commends the effort and concern of the National Association of Letter Carriers and the United States Postal Service for the elderly, the homebound, and the handicapped, and that the week of

Carrier Alert  
Week.

December 4, 1983, through December 10, 1983, is designated as "Carrier Alert Week", and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe the day with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

Approved November 30, 1983.

Whereas the National Association of Letter Carriers and the United States Postal Service recognize their unique partnership in the neighborhoods of America and further recognize the need of a special segment of postal customers, the handicapped, the elderly, and the handicapped and disabled, to encourage their support of local community social service agencies in a program called Carrier Alert;

Whereas under Carrier Alert, the local postoffice social service agency notifies the local post office of customers who wish to participate in this program, and the letter carriers of the community in the performance of their rounds will be alert to an extraordinary part of mail which might require a special, timely or sensitive, and specially handled procedure, the recognition of such mail will be reported to the social service agency for appropriate follow-up;

Whereas Carrier Alert is an voluntary program, a national extension of the crew which individual letter carriers traditionally have exhibited for customers, not just in the delivery of mail, but in a genuine concern for the well being of such customers, and it has been recognized by letter carriers to show particular concern when for customers whose health or advanced age require a little extra special attention; Now therefore, be it

Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the United States Congress do hereby call attention to the efforts of the United States Postal Service and the United States Postal Service for the elderly, the handicapped, and the handicapped, and that the week of

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