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## Joint Resolution

Oct. 11, 1984

[S.J. Res. 201]

To provide for the designation of the week of November 25 through December 1, 1984, as "National Epidermolysis Bullosa Awareness Week".

Whereas the incidence and prevalence of epidermolysis bullosa present a significant health problem in the United States;

Whereas epidermolysis bullosa is an inherited disorder showing widespread blistering and skin erosions which result in pain, scarring, deformity, contractures, malnutrition, anemia, gastrointestinal problems, dental problems, corneal erosions, and carcinoma;

Whereas an estimated ten to fifteen thousand Americans of both sexes are afflicted with the disease, and another twenty to thirty thousand Americans may be carriers of this disease;

Whereas the Nation faces a continuing need to support innovative research into the causes, treatment, and cure of epidermolysis bullosa;

Whereas it is appropriate to focus the Nation's attention upon the plight of epidermolysis bullosa sufferers and upon the continuing peril epidermolysis bullosa poses to humanity: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the week of November 25 through December 1, 1984, is designated "National Epidermolysis Bullosa Awareness Week" and the President of the United States is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon all Government agencies and the people of the United States to observe the week with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

Approved October 11, 1984.

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