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Joint Resolution

To designate October 4, 1986, as "National Outreach to the Rural Disabled Day".

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Whereas there are approximately eight million five hundred thousand disabled persons in rural America;

Whereas, in 1984, farm residents suffered approximately two hundred and ninety thousand disabling injuries and approximately five hundred and sixty thousand agricultural workers were hindered in their farming operations because of permanent disabilities:

Whereas disability is proportionately more prevalent in rural areas than in urban areas and the rural disabled are more disadvantaged than their urban counterparts;

Whereas little attention has been given to the unique problems faced by the rural disabled in the United States; and

Whereas there is a need to focus attention on the unmet needs of the rural disabled, to underscore their potential, and to encourage outreach programs by rural communities to their disabled members: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That October 4, 1986, is hereby designated "National Outreach to the Rural Disabled Day", and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Approved October 8, 1986.