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Joint Resolution

To designate the month of May 1989, as "Trauma Awareness Month".

May 23, 1989  
[S.J. Res. 68]

Whereas more than eight million individuals in the United States suffer traumatic injury each year;

Whereas traumatic injury is the leading cause of death of individuals of less than forty years of age in the United States;

Whereas every individual is a potential victim of traumatic injury;

Whereas traumatic injury can occur without warning;

Whereas traumatic injury frequently renders its victims incapable of caring for themselves;

Whereas past inattention to the causes and effects of trauma has led to the inclusion of trauma among the most neglected medical conditions;

Whereas the people of the United States spend more than \$110,000,000,000 annually on the problem of trauma;

Whereas the problem of trauma can be remedied only by prevention and proper treatment through emergency medical services and trauma systems; and

Whereas the people of the United States must be educated in the prevention and treatment of trauma and in the proper and effective use of emergency medical services and trauma systems: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That May 1989 is designated as "National Trauma Awareness Month", and the President of the United States is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe the month with appropriate ceremonies and activities.*

Approved May 23, 1989.

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