

Public Law 99-302  
99th Congress

## Joint Resolution

To designate the month of May 1986 as "Better Hearing and Speech Month".

May 14, 1986

[S.J. Res. 284]

Whereas more than fifteen million Americans of all ages experience some form of hearing impairment, ranging from mild hearing loss to profound deafness;

Whereas more than ten million Americans of all ages experience some form of speech or language impairment;

Whereas the deaf, hard of hearing, and speech or language impaired have made significant contributions to society in virtually every occupational category and profession;

Whereas those with communication disorders continue to encounter impediments and obstacles which limit their education and employment opportunities; and

Whereas the remaining barriers which prevent the communicatively handicapped from fulfilling their potential must be recognized and eliminated.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the month of May 1986 is designated "Better Hearing and Speech Month" and the President is requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe such month with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Approved May 14, 1986.

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**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—S.J. Res. 284:****CONGRESSIONAL RECORD**, Vol. 132 (1986):Apr. 11, considered and passed Senate.  
Apr. 30, considered and passed House.