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[S.J. Res. 279]

To designate the month of October 1986, as "Lupus Awareness Month".

Whereas Lupus Erythematosus is a disease of unknown cause that affects over five-hundred thousand people in the United States, 90 percent of whom are women in their childbearing years;

Whereas Lupus Erythematosus, though not a rare disease, is unfamiliar even to some physicians which may result in the disease being misdiagnosed or diagnosed too late;

Whereas Lupus Erythematosus in the most severe form can be fatal;

Whereas The Lupus Foundation of America, Inc., its constituent chapters, and other voluntary health organizations are established throughout the United States to serve and support victims of lupus and their families, encourage funding for research, and increase public awareness; and

Whereas the public and the Federal Government are not sufficiently aware of the incidence of Lupus Erythematosus: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the month of October 1986, is designated as "Lupus Awareness Month" and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe the month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

Approved July 29, 1986.

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