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Joint Resolution

Designating October 1988 as "Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month".

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[S.J. Res. 314]

Whereas every year thousands of parents lose children to miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant death;

Whereas an increase in the public's awareness of pregnancy loss and infant death will expand the opportunities for parents who suffer the tragedy of infant loss to share their grief and constructively deal with their feelings of stress and loneliness;

Whereas while many groups have been formed at the local level to address the problems these parents face, a greater national effort must be made to provide comfort and assistance to parents who suffer the tragedy of pregnancy loss or infant death; and

Whereas the designation of a special month will bring much-needed attention to the devastating emotional effects of pregnancy loss and infant death: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That October 1988 is designated as "Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month", and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe this month with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Approved November 15, 1988.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—S.J. Res. 314:

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