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Joint Resolution

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To designate October 19 through 27, 1991 as "National Red Ribbon Week for a Drug-Free America".

- Whereas alcohol and other drug abuse has reached epidemic proportions and is of major concern to all Americans;
- Whereas alcohol and other drug abuse is a major public health threat and is one of the largest causes of preventable disease, disability and death in the United States today;
- Whereas illegal drug use is not limited to persons of a particular age, gender, or socioeconomic status;
- Whereas the drug problem appears to be insurmountable, but the United States has begun to lay the foundation to combat the use of illegal drugs;
- Whereas the United States must continue the important strides made to combat alcohol and other drug abuse;
- Whereas it has been demonstrated through public opinion polls that the American people consider drug abuse one of the most serious domestic problems facing the United States and have begun to take steps against it;
- Whereas the National Federation of Parents for Drug Free Youth has declared October 19–October 27, 1991 as "National Red Ribbon Week", has organized the National Red Ribbon Campaign to coordinate the week's activities, has established the theme, "Neighbors—Drug Free and Proud" for the week, and has called for a comprehensive public awareness, prevention, and education program involving thousands of parent and community groups across the country;
- Whereas the National Red Ribbon Campaign is headed by President and Mrs. George Bush and national honorary chairmen;
- Whereas any use of an illegal drug is unacceptable and the illegal use of a legal drug cannot be tolerated; and
- Whereas alcohol and other drug abuse destroys lives, spawns crime, undermines our economy, and threatens our security as a Nation: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That—

- (1) the period of October 19–27, 1991 is designated as "National Red Ribbon Week for a Drug Free America";
- (2) the President is authorized and directed to issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States—
 - (A) to observe the week by holding conferences, meetings and other activities to support community and alcohol education, and with other appropriate activities, events and educational campaigns; and
 - (B) both during the week and thereafter, to wear and display red ribbons to present and symbolize commitment to a healthy, drug-free life style, and to develop an attitude of intolerance concerning the use of drugs; and

(3) Congress recognizes and commends the hard work and dedication of concerned parents, youth, law enforcement officials, educators, business leaders, religious leaders, private sector organizations, and Government leaders in combatting the abuse of alcohol and other drugs.

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