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Joint Resolution

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[S.J. Res. 145]

Designating November 1985 as "National Diabetes Month".

Whereas diabetes with its complications kills more than any other disease except cancer and cardiovascular diseases;

Whereas diabetes afflicts twelve million Americans and over five million of these Americans are not aware of their illness;

Whereas more than \$14,000,000,000 annually are used for health care costs, disability payments, and premature mortality costs due to diabetes;

Whereas up to 85 per centum of all cases of noninsulin dependent diabetes may be preventable through greater public understanding, awareness, and education;

Whereas diabetes is particularly prevalent among black Americans, Hispanic Americans, Native Americans, and women; and

Whereas diabetes is a leading cause of blindness, kidney disease, heart disease, stroke, birth defects, and lower life expectancy, which complications may be reduced through greater patient and public understanding, awareness, and education: 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 November 1985 is designated as "National Diabetes Month" and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe that month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

Approved November 5, 1985.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—S.J. Res. 145:

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