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Referred to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service

JOINT RESOLUTION

To designate July 5, 1993, through July 12, 1993, as
“National Awareness Week for Life-Saving Techniques”.

Whereas the National Safety Council reported that over 800,000 Americans died in 1991 as a result of accidents and diseases of the heart;

Whereas accidents are the leading cause of death for children and youth ages 1 to 24 years;

Whereas drowning and choking are a leading cause of accidental death in children under the age of 5 years;

Whereas rescue breathing and cardiopulmonary resuscitation, commonly referred to as CPR, are life-saving techniques that significantly reduce the incidence of sudden death due to accidents and diseases of the heart;

Whereas it is critical that more Americans learn such basic life-saving techniques in order to reduce the number of deaths related to accidents and diseases of the heart;

Whereas the opportunity to learn basic life-saving techniques is available to all Americans through the American Red Cross, the American Heart Association, the YMCA, and other national organizations; and

Whereas the death rate due to accidents and diseases of the heart would be greatly reduced if more Americans received training in basic life-saving techniques: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
 2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
 3 That July 5, 1993, through July 12, 1993, is designated
 4 as “National Awareness Week for Life-Saving Tech-
 5 niques”. The President is authorized and requested to
 6 issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United
 7 States to observe the week with appropriate ceremonies
 8 and activities designed to encourage training in life-saving
 9 techniques for Americans.

Passed the Senate May 27 (legislative day, April 19), 1993.

Attest:

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Secretary.