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Designating the week beginning October 25, 1993, as "World Population Awareness Week".

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 27, 1993

Mr. BEILENSEN (for himself, Mr. PORTER, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. ANDREWS of Texas, Mr. ANDREWS of New Jersey, Mr. ANDREWS of Maine, Mr. BACCHUS of Florida, Mr. BAESLER, Mr. BATEMAN, Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. BOEHLERT, Mr. BORSKI, Mr. BOUCHER, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Ms. BYRNE, Mr. CALLAHAN, Mr. CARDIN, Mrs. CLAYTON, Mr. CLEMENT, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. COOPER, Mr. COPPERSMITH, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. DELUGO, Mr. DIXON, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENGEL, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. EVANS, Mr. FALCOMA, Mr. FAWELL, Mr. FAZIO, Mr. FILNER, Mr. FISH, Mr. FORD of Michigan, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. FROST, Ms. FURSE, Mr. GEJDENSON, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. GONZALEZ, Mr. GOODLING, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. GREENWOOD, Mr. GUNDERSON, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. HAMBURG, Mr. HANSEN, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. HILLIARD, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. HOCHBRUECKNER, Mr. HUGHES, Mr. HUTTO, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mrs. KENNELLY, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. KLECZKA, Mr. KOPETSKI, Mr. KREIDLER, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. LARocco, Mr. LEACH, Mr. LEHMAN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LEVY, Mr. LEWIS of California, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. MACHTLEY, Mrs. MALONEY, Ms. MARGOLIES-MEZVINSKY, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. MATSUI, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. McHALE, Mr. MEEHAN, Mrs. MEEK, Mrs. MEYERS of Kansas, Mr. MILLER of California, Mr. MINETA, Mrs. MINK, Mr. MORAN, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. NEAL of North Carolina, Ms. NORTON, Mr. OLVER, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. PARKER, Mr. PAYNE of New Jersey, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. PETERSON of Florida, Mr. PICKETT, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. REGULA, Mr. REYNOLDS, Mr. RICHARDSON, Mr. ROSE, Mr. SABO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SAWYER, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. SKEEN, Mr. SLATTERY, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. SMITH

of Iowa, Mr. SPENCE, Mr. SPRATT, Mr. STARK, Mr. STOKES, Mr. SWETT, Mr. SYNAR, Mr. TANNER, Mrs. THURMAN, Mr. TORRES, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. TUCKER, Mr. UNDERWOOD, Mrs. UNSOELD, Mr. VALENTINE, Mr. VENTO, Mr. VIS-CLOSKY, Mr. VOLKMER, Mr. WALSH, Mr. WASHINGTON, Ms. WATERS, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. WILSON, and Ms. WOOLSEY) introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service

JOINT RESOLUTION

Designating the week beginning October 25, 1993, as “World Population Awareness Week”.

Whereas the population of the world today exceeds 5,500,000,000 and increases at the rate of some 100,000,000 per year;

Whereas more than 90 percent of world population growth occurs in developing countries, those least able to provide even basic services for their citizens;

Whereas rapid population growth and overconsumption are major deterrents to sustainable development;

Whereas 40 countries with 40 percent of the population of the developing world are currently unable to provide enough food for their inhabitants to meet average nutritional requirements;

Whereas the global community has for more than 25 years recognized the basic right of individuals to voluntarily and responsibly determine the number and spacing of their children;

Whereas expanded accessibility to family planning has led to a world with 400,000,000 fewer people than their might have been;

Whereas at least one-half of the women of reproductive age in developing countries want to limit the number of their children, but lack the means or ability to gain access to modern family planning methods;

Whereas numerous studies provide compelling evidence of a strong correlation between a smaller desired family size and the elevation of the status of women, especially through opening educational and employment opportunities; and

Whereas preparations are underway for the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) in Cairo, Egypt, focusing world attention on the integral linkage between population, sustained economic growth, and sustainable development—more specifically, the importance of family planning, the role of women, the effects of migration, the need for increased resources, and the devastation caused by AIDS: 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 the week beginning October 25, 1993, is designated
4 as “World Population Awareness Week”, and the Presi-
5 dent is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation
6 calling upon the people of the United States to observe
7 such a week in appropriate programs, ceremonies, and ac-
8 tivities.

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