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S. J. RES. 174

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 21, 1994

Referred to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service

JOINT RESOLUTION

To designate the week beginning April 24, 1994 as “National Crime Victims’ Rights Week”.

Whereas public opinion polls clearly indicate that crime and violence is the number one concern among all United States citizens;

Whereas six million four hundred thousand violent crimes are committed each year in the United States;

Whereas every minute in the United States, four women are battered, one woman is raped, six children are abused, and one person is robbed;

Whereas there is a crucial need to provide crime victims with quality programs and services to help them recover from the devastating psychological, physical, emotional and financial hardships resulting from their victimization;

Whereas there are ten thousand public and private agencies and organizations in the United States that are dedicated to improving the plight of crime victims;

Whereas victims play an indispensable role in bringing offenders to justice and thus preventing further violence;

Whereas law abiding citizens are deserving of rights, resources, restoration and rehabilitation;

Whereas victim service providers, counselors and advocates should enjoy full support from all public and private institutions, entities and individuals in their efforts to render critical assistance to those whom our Nation failed to protect;

Whereas the Nation's victims' rights movement and allied professions deserve recognition for their tireless efforts on behalf of victims of crime and their struggle to reduce senseless violence in America; and

Whereas whether measured in dollars, domestic tranquility, dread or death, crime represents the greatest threat to Americans and America: 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 April 24 through 30, 1994, be designated as "Na-
 4 tional Crime Victims' Rights Week", and the President
 5 is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling
 6 upon the people of the United States to observe the week
 7 with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Passed the Senate April 19 (legislative day, April 11), 1994.

Attest:

MARTHA S. POPE,

Secretary.