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Designating the week of April 22 through April 28, 1990, as "National Crime Victims' Rights Week".

Whereas thirty-five million individuals in the United States are victimized by crime each year, with six million falling prey to violence;

Whereas the Department of Justice estimates that five out of six individuals will be the victim or intended victim of crime during their lifetimes;

Whereas many victims suffer severe psychological, physical, and emotional hardships as a result of victimizations;

Whereas the Nation must commit its collective energies to improving the criminal justice and social services response to victims;

Whereas injustice to crime victims must be redressed by implementing the recommendations proposed by the President's Task Force on Victims of Crime; and

Whereas, as a Nation committed to justice and liberty for all, efforts must be continued to remove the inequities victims face and to protect and restore individual rights: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That April 22 through April 28, 1990, is designated as "National Crime Victims' Rights Week", and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe the week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Approved April 25, 1990.

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