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Designating April 26, 1992, through May 2, 1992, as "National Crime Victims' Rights Week".

Whereas almost 35,000,000 individuals in the United States are victimized by crime each year, with 6,000,000 falling prey to violence;

Whereas the victims of violent crime need and deserve quality programs and services to help them recover from the devastating psychological, physical, and emotional hardships resulting from their victimization;

Whereas 1992 marks the 20th anniversary of the combined efforts of crime victims, victim service providers, criminal justice officials, and concerned citizens to make victims' rights and services a reality in the Nation, and the 10th anniversary of the historic passage of the Victim and Witness Protection Act of 1982 by the Congress;

Whereas over the past 2 decades the road to justice for the victims of crime has been paved with the commitment, perseverance, and spirit of millions of victims who have proudly carried the banner of justice in our Nation; and

Whereas all Americans should join together to fight the continuing threat of crime and victimization by committing their individual and collective resources to crime prevention and victim services:
Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That April 26, 1992, through May 2, 1992, is designated as "National Crime Victims' Rights Week". 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 May 18, 1992.

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