

103<sup>D</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. J. RES. 342

Designating April 24 through April 30, 1994, as "National Crime Victims' Rights Week".

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 18, 1994

Mr. GEKAS (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. FISH, Mr. HYDE, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. RAMSTAD, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. MCDADE, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. SHAW, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. KREIDLER, Mr. QUINN, Mr. POSHARD, Mr. POMEROY, Mr. BATEMAN, Mrs. BYRNE, Mr. WOLF, Mr. COOPER, Mr. HILLIARD, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. GOODLING, Mr. WALSH, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, Mr. FINGERHUT, Mr. PETE GEREN of Texas, Mr. REYNOLDS, Mrs. THURMAN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. FILNER, and Mr. FROST) introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service

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## **JOINT RESOLUTION**

Designating April 24 through April 30, 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 6,400,000 violent crimes are committed each year in the United States;

Whereas every minute in the United States, 4 women are battered, 1 woman is raped, 6 children are abused, and 1 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 10,000 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, is designated as "Na-  
4        tional Crime Victims' Rights Week", and the President

1 is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling  
2 upon the people of the United States to observe the week  
3 with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

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