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Whereas the number of gang homicides has risen in Chicago alone from 38 in 1980 to 101 in 1990;

Whereas the number of gang-related homicides as of 1991 stood at 1,051;

Whereas, in the past decade, gang-related homicides and gang related drug trafficking has increased and spread to cities in all 50 States;

Whereas, between the years 1989 and 1991, the number of gangs and gang members in the Nation’s 79 largest cities doubled;

Whereas the number of gangs as of 1991 stood at 4,881 which includes 249,324 members;

Whereas gangs are now part of the crime problem in communities with populations as small as 8,000 citizens;

Whereas many gangs are actively involved in drug trafficking, and some Los Angeles gangs have been linked to Colombian drug cartels;

Whereas our youth are directly impacted by the rise in gang membership, with the average age of gang members being 19; and

Whereas every effort needs to be made to reduce gang violence and steer our young people away from gangs and every citizen needs to be aware of the problem: 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 of September 12, 1994, through September
4 16, 1994, be designated as “National Gang Violence Pre-
5 vention Week”, and the President is authorized and re-
6 quested to issue a proclamation calling on the people of
7 the United States to observe the week with appropriate
8 ceremonies and activities.

Passed the Senate August 19 (legislative day, August 18), 1994.

Attest:

Secretary.