

111TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. CON. RES. 227

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas National Urban Crimes Awareness Week will be celebrated the second week in February 2010;

Whereas 48,430 violent crimes occurred in New York City in 2008, compared to 28,941 in non-New York City counties in the State of New York;

Whereas an estimated 1,382,012 violent crimes occurred nationwide in 2008;

Whereas over 6,000,000 people were victims of crime in 2008;

Whereas according to the 2008 National Crime Victimization Survey, African-Americans experienced higher rates than Whites of every violent crime except simple assault;

Whereas acts of violence and crime cause pain and disruption that can have lasting effects;

Whereas the number of crimes can be reduced if community members are taught crime prevention techniques and become more involved in crime prevention activities;

Whereas neighborhood crime contributes to community neglect and disintegration; and

Whereas numerous studies demonstrate that evidence-based prevention and intervention programs can reduce delinquency and serious juvenile crime: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring), That—*

3 (1) it is the sense of Congress that—

4 (A) National Urban Crimes Awareness
5 Week provides a special opportunity to educate
6 the people of the United States about urban vi-
7 olence and to take steps to encourage the pre-
8 vention of urban violence, provide assistance,
9 and support to crime victims;

10 (B) it is appropriate to properly acknowl-
11 edge the more than 209,000 men and women
12 who have been victims of urban violence in the
13 United States each year, and to commend the

1 efforts of survivors, volunteers, and profes-
2 sionals who work to prevent urban violence;

3 (C) national and community organizations
4 and private sector supporters should be recog-
5 nized and applauded for their work in pro-
6 moting awareness about urban violent crimes,
7 providing information and treatment to victims,
8 families, and survivors, and increasing the num-
9 ber of successful prosecutions of its perpetra-
10 tors;

11 (D) public safety, law enforcement, and
12 health professionals should be recognized and
13 applauded for their hard work and innovative
14 strategies to increase the percentage of violent
15 urban crime cases that result in the prosecution
16 and incarceration of the offenders; and

17 (E) victim advocates and criminal justice
18 professionals should be recognized, applauded,
19 and encouraged for their work to establish ef-
20 fective programs as alternatives to incarcer-
21 ation, re-entry interventions for offenders who
22 are completing sentences, and rehabilitation
23 programs for offenders and victims alike; and

24 (2) Congress strongly recommends that national
25 and community organizations, businesses in the pri-

1 vate sector, colleges and universities, and the
2 media—

3 (A) promote, through education and pre-
4 vention measures, awareness of violent urban
5 crimes and strategies to decrease the incidence
6 of these crimes; and

7 (B) support the goals and ideals of Na-
8 tional Urban Crimes Awareness Week.

Passed the House of Representatives February 25,
2010.

Attest:

Clerk.

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