

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MARCH 16, 2010

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of April 18 through 24, 2010, as "Crime
2 Victims' Rights Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Each year approximately 23 million Americans are
4 victimized by crime, 5.2 million of whom are victims of violent
5 crime; and

6 WHEREAS, The millions of survivors of crime and their
7 families are no less deserving of justice, rights, resources,
8 restoration and rehabilitation than the violent offenders who
9 victimize them; and

10 WHEREAS, Americans recognize that we make our homes,
11 neighborhoods and communities safer and stronger by serving
12 victims of crime and ensuring justice for all; and

13 WHEREAS, Crime victims play an indispensable role in bringing

1 offenders to justice; and

2 WHEREAS, In the United States Department of Justice, the
3 Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) was established to enhance the
4 capacity to assist crime victims and to promote justice and
5 healing for all victims of crimes; and

6 WHEREAS, Over the past two decades, crime victims and their
7 advocates have made unparalleled progress toward balancing the
8 scales of justice in the criminal justice system; and

9 WHEREAS, Since 1981, the OVC has helped lead communities
10 throughout this nation in its observances of the "National Crime
11 Victims' Rights Week" in an effort to bolster public awareness
12 about the challenges crime victims face and to celebrate the
13 hard-won progress in victims' rights and services; and

14 WHEREAS, Victim service providers, criminal justice officials
15 and concerned citizens throughout this nation are joining
16 together to observe "National Crime Victims' Rights Week"; and

17 WHEREAS, The theme for this year's "Crime Victims' Rights
18 Week" is fairness, dignity and respect for crime victims'
19 rights; therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives reaffirm its
21 commitment to address victims' rights and criminal justice
22 issues; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
24 week of April 18 through 24, 2010, as "Crime Victims' Rights
25 Week" in Pennsylvania.