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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, In 1982, the President's Task Force on Victims of
3 Crime envisioned a national commitment to a more equitable and
4 supportive response to victims; and

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WHEREAS, The first Crime Victims Week (later renamed
6 National Crime Victims' Rights Week) was started to celebrate
7 the victims' rights movement; and

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9 WHEREAS, Crime and violence can leave harm on any person
10 and community, regardless of age, national origin, race, creed,
11 religion, gender, sexual orientation, immigration, or economic
status; and

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13 WHEREAS, A new movement of diverse survivors of crime from
14 communities most harmed and least helped has joined together in
15 Illinois and throughout the country to create healing
communities and shape public policy; and

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17 WHEREAS, For too long the voices and experiences of these
18 diverse survivors have been ignored, leading to policies and
19 increased justice system spending that fails to meet the needs
of crime victims or stop the cycle of crime; and

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WHEREAS, Most victims do not get the kind of help needed to

1 heal; and

2 WHEREAS, Only 8 percent of all victims of violence receive
3 direct assistance from a victim service agency, and this drops
4 to 4 percent when the crime is unreported, the case for more
5 than half of all violent crimes; and

6 WHEREAS, Crime survivors know best about the existing gaps
7 to recovery and how to bridge them and understand what their
8 communities need to be healthy and safe; and

9 WHEREAS, Crime survivors want a safety and justice system
10 that works and prioritizes prevention, rehabilitation, and
11 trauma recovery; and

12 WHEREAS, With the unwavering support of their communities,
13 survivors are empowered to face their grief, loss, fear, anger,
14 and hope, turning their healing into action; and

15 WHEREAS, Providing services that help victims and their
16 communities recover stops the cycle of harm and supports
17 thriving communities; and

18 WHEREAS, It is essential for crime survivors to have input
19 and influence in discussions of public safety and criminal
20 justice policy; and

1 WHEREAS, National Crime Victims' Rights Week provides an
2 opportunity to recommit to ensuring that all victims of crime,
3 especially those who are from communities most impacted by
4 crime, are policy stakeholders and provided with what they need
5 to recover; and

6 WHEREAS, Crime Survivors for Safety and Justice, a flagship
7 project of Alliance for Safety and Justice is dedicated to
8 supporting the healing of survivors and the leadership they can
9 provide to build safer and healthier communities; and

10 WHEREAS, Survivors Speak elevates the voices of diverse
11 crime survivors to ensure their experiences shape public safety
12 and justice policies; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
14 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
15 we commend the work being done by Crime Survivors for Safety
16 and Justice to prevent people from becoming victims and assist
17 all survivors in recovering from crime and trauma; and be it
18 further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to Crime Survivors for Safety and Justice.