

107<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. J. RES. 88

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to protect the rights of crime victims.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 23, 2002

Mr. ROYCE introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## JOINT RESOLUTION

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1       *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*  
2       *of the United States of America in Congress assembled (two-*  
3       *thirds of each House concurring therein), That the fol-*  
4       lowing article is proposed as an amendment to the Con-  
5       stitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all  
6       intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when  
7       ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several  
8       States, and which shall take effect on the 180th day after  
9       ratification of this article:



1 this article, and no person accused of the crime may obtain  
2 any form of relief hereunder.

3       “SECTION 4. Congress shall have power to enforce  
4 by appropriate legislation the provisions of this article.  
5 Nothing in this article shall affect the President’s author-  
6 ity to grant reprieves or pardons.

7       “SECTION 5. This article shall be inoperative unless  
8 it shall have been ratified as an amendment to the Con-  
9 stitution by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several  
10 States within seven years from the date of its submission  
11 to the States by the Congress.”.

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