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S. J. RES. 1

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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 7, 2003

Mr. KYL (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. CRAIG, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LOTT, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MILLER, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. SMITH, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. GRAHAM of South Carolina, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mrs. HUTCHISON) introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

SEPTEMBER 4, 2003

Reported by Mr. HATCH, without amendment

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-*

1 lawful representative may assert the rights established by
2 this article, and no person accused of the crime may obtain
3 any form of relief hereunder.

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

8 “SECTION 5. This article shall be inoperative unless
9 it has been ratified as an amendment to the Constitution
10 by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States
11 within 7 years from the date of its submission to the
12 States by the Congress. This article shall take effect on
13 the 180th day after the date of its ratification.”.

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