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H. CON. RES. 378

Supporting the goals and ideals of the 2006 National Crime Victims' Rights Week and efforts to increase public awareness of the rights, needs, and concerns of crime victims and survivors in the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 5, 2006

Mr. COSTA (for himself, Mr. POE, and Ms. HARRIS) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Supporting the goals and ideals of the 2006 National Crime Victims' Rights Week and efforts to increase public awareness of the rights, needs, and concerns of crime victims and survivors in the United States.

Whereas despite the decline in the occurrence of violent crime and property crime over the past decade, there remain millions of victims and survivors of crime whose physical, financial, emotional, and spiritual needs are entitled to the attention and support of individuals and communities across the United States;

Whereas the collaborative efforts of criminal and juvenile justice professionals, victim service providers, public policy makers, allied professionals, and the Office for Victims of Crime within the Department of Justice have helped en-

hance public safety and victim awareness in various communities across the United States;

Whereas since 1984, the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) has collected \$7.4 billion in fines, fees, and assessments on individuals convicted of Federal crimes to support crime victim compensation and victim assistance programs nationwide;

Whereas there are over 10,000 system-based and community-based victim assistance programs that provide greatly needed interventions, support, and justice system advocacy to crime victims and survivors, including 5,300 programs that receive VOCA funding;

Whereas the theme of the 2006 National Crime Victims' Rights Week, called "Victims' Rights: Strength in Unity", pays tribute to crime victims and survivors who, for many decades, have joined together in mutual support and advocacy to promote victims' rights and services, and recognizes the ongoing efforts of countless victim service providers, justice professionals, and allied professionals and volunteers who selflessly dedicate their lives to helping victims and survivors of crime;

Whereas, in 2006, the week of April 23 through April 29, is dedicated as the national observance during which crime victims' and survivors' rights, needs, and services will be recognized; and

Whereas during the 2006 National Crime Victims' Rights Week, the Congressional Victim's Rights Caucus will honor a victim or survivor of crime, a victim service provider, an allied professional who provides collateral services to victim service providers, and two innovators in public policy development whose efforts on behalf of

crime victims and survivors are visionary and exemplary:
Now, therefore, be it

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

3 (1) supports—

4 (A) efforts to increase the public awareness
5 of—

6 (i) the impact of crime on victims and
7 survivors of crime; and

8 (ii) the rights, needs, and concerns of
9 such victims and survivors; and

10 (B) the goals and ideals of the 2006 Na-
11 tional Crime Victims' Rights Week; and

12 (2) directs the Clerk of the House of Represent-
13 atives to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution
14 to the Office for Victims of Crime in the Depart-
15 ment of Justice.

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