

H. Res. 757

In the House of Representatives, U. S.,

September 30, 2009.

Whereas homicide is a devastating epidemic in this Nation,
destroying families and communities;

Whereas women are disproportionately victims of homicide
perpetrated by intimate partners;

Whereas intimate partner homicide is the leading cause of
death for African-American women ages 15–45;

Whereas, on average, 3 women per day are murdered by their
current or former husbands or partners and the Centers
for Disease Control and Prevention finds that women ex-
perience 2,000,000 injuries from intimate partner vio-
lence each year;

Whereas according to the Centers for Disease Control and
Prevention, the cost of intimate partner violence exceeded
\$5,800,000,000 in 2003;

Whereas, for the years 1976 to 2005 combined, among all
homicide victims, females were particularly at risk for in-
timate killings and sex-related homicides, with 64.8 per-
cent of all female homicide victims during that time being
murdered by an intimate partner;

Whereas one-third of all murdered females are victims of inti-
mate partner homicide annually, with separated females
having the highest homicide rate;

Whereas intimate partner violence resulted in 1,544 deaths in 2004, and of those deaths, 25 percent were males and 75 percent were females;

Whereas the time that a victim of domestic violence leaves a violent situation is the most dangerous time for a victim and increases his or her likelihood of becoming a victim of homicide;

Whereas homicide is the second leading cause of traumatic death for pregnant women and recently pregnant women, accounting for nearly 31 percent of maternal injury deaths;

Whereas numerous agencies across this country provide support to the families of homicide victims and the tireless work of agency staff and volunteers is worthy of acknowledgment; and

Whereas victims of domestic violence-related homicides should be remembered during the National Day of Remembrance for Homicide Victims to honor their memories: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) supports the goals and ideals of a National Day of Remembrance for Homicide Victims; and

(2) acknowledges the epidemic of intimate partner homicide in this Nation, its disproportionate impact on women, and the work of agencies across this country to address this epidemic and provide support and resources

to all survivors of victims of homicide, including the families of intimate partner homicide.

Attest:

Clerk.