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H. RES. 936

Supporting the designation of April 19–25, 2020, as National Crime Victims’ Rights Week.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COSTA submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Supporting the designation of April 19–25, 2020, as National Crime Victims’ Rights Week.

Whereas crime and victimization in the United States have significant, often devastating impacts on victims, survivors, and communities large and small;

Whereas, in 2018, there were 3.3 million violent victimizations, yet only 43 percent of these crimes were reported to police, and only 11 percent of violent victim crime victims accessed assistance from a victim service agency;

Whereas crime victims and survivors need and deserve support and access to services to help them cope with the physical, psychological, financial, social, and spiritual impact of crime;

Whereas Congress recognizes the vital needs of crime victims and survivors through the enactment of responsive law and continued financial support of victim service agencies through the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), and the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA), among others;

Whereas the mission of the Congressional Crime Survivors and Justice Caucus is to identify, address, and elevate the needs of crime survivors and all United States jurisdictions affected by crime in a bipartisan manner, without infringing on the rights of the accused, through Federal legislation, Congressional education, public awareness, and collaboration with allied professionals and organizations nationwide; and

Whereas the Caucus and the Congress commit to the adoption of policies and programs that identify and meet the needs of crime survivors across the United States: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) strongly supports the goals and theme of
3 2020 National Crime Victims’ Rights Week—“Seek
4 Justice, Ensure Victims’ Rights, Inspire Hope”;

5 (2) recognizes the outstanding efforts of over
6 10,000 victim assistance organizations and agencies
7 that serve survivors at the local, State, Tribal, na-
8 tional, and Federal levels;

9 (3) remains committed to supporting and sus-
10 taining the Victims of Crime Act that helps over
11 6,800 public, community-based, and Tribal victim

1 and/or survivor assistance organizations and agen-
2 cies that provide essential, often life-saving services
3 to millions of crime victims throughout the United
4 States; and

5 (4) encourages the people of the United States
6 to observe 2020 National Crime Victims' Rights
7 Week with appropriate public awareness, education,
8 and outreach activities.

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