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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, In April of each year, National Crime Victims' 2 Rights Week is sponsored by criminal justice and victim service 3 practitioners as an occasion to publicize and affirm the rights of 4

those who suffer as victims of violent crime; and

WHEREAS, During this week, many public education community awareness activities are sponsored to help the citizens of Texas understand the experience of crime victims and to learn about the many critical services available to those who fall prey to criminal offenders; and

WHEREAS, Violent crime affects the lives of countless Texans each year, and it is crucial that all citizens be fully aware of their legal rights and the full range of services available to crime victims, for only in this way can the criminal justice system secure the rights of the innocent as well as the guilty; and

WHEREAS, It is entirely fitting that the Texas House of Representatives lend its full support to this worthy observance and make every effort to promote greater awareness of crime victims' rights in every jurisdiction of this state; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas Legislature hereby commend the many dedicated professionals and volunteers who are working to secure rights and services for the victims of crime and urge all Texans to observe the week of April 22 through April 28, 2007, as National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

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