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R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

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

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

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
20 Legislature hereby commend the many dedicated professionals and
21 volunteers who are working to secure rights and services for the
22 victims of crime and urge all Texans to observe the week of April 26
23 through May 2, 2009, as National Crime Victims' Rights Week.