

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Members of the state chapter of Crime Survivors for  
2 Safety and Justice are gathering in Austin on March 30, 2023, for  
3 Survivors Speak Texas Day at the State Capitol; and

4           WHEREAS, A flagship project of the Alliance for Safety and  
5 Justice, Crime Survivors for Safety and Justice is a national  
6 organization that promotes public safety policies that reduce  
7 incarceration and increase investments in crime prevention, trauma  
8 recovery, and rehabilitation; with chapters in several states  
9 across the country, the group also provides opportunities for  
10 survivors to participate in support groups and community  
11 organizing; and

12           WHEREAS, Because more than half of violent crimes are  
13 estimated to go unreported, and few survivors receive direct  
14 assistance from a victim service agency, many people face  
15 long-term, debilitating effects without appropriate support; Crime  
16 Survivors for Safety and Justice helps to bridge these gaps in  
17 victim services, as well as to offer guidance to policy makers on  
18 evidence-based practices to protect victims and reduce incidents of  
19 violent crime; and

20           WHEREAS, Each year during National Crime Victims' Rights  
21 Week, Crime Survivors for Safety and Justice holds its Survivors  
22 Speak event, which brings together crime survivors and their loved  
23 ones to advocate for safety and justice policy reforms,  
24 particularly in communities with high rates of crime; since its

1 inception, the event has grown into a yearlong movement that  
2 culminates in a National Healing Vigil Day of Action, with events in  
3 more than two dozen cities around the country; and

4 WHEREAS, Crime Survivors for Safety and Justice is playing an  
5 important role in helping the people and communities most harmed by  
6 crime and violence, and all those associated with the organization  
7 are indeed deserving of commendation for their tireless advocacy;  
8 now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
10 Legislature hereby recognize March 30, 2023, as Survivors Speak  
11 Texas Day at the State Capitol and extend to the staff and  
12 volunteers of Crime Survivors for Safety and Justice sincere  
13 appreciation for their efforts; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
15 prepared for the organization as an expression of high regard by the  
16 Texas House of Representatives.

González of El Paso

H.R. No. 458

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 458 was adopted by the House on March 16, 2023, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House