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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.