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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MARCH 21, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of April 2 through 8, 2017, as "Crime
2 Victims' Rights Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, In 2015, approximately 21 million Americans were
4 victimized by crime and more than 5 million of them were victims
5 of violent crime; and

6 WHEREAS, The millions of survivors of crime and their
7 families are no less deserving of justice, rights, resources,
8 restoration and rehabilitation than the violent offenders who
9 victimize them; and

10 WHEREAS, Americans recognize that we make our homes,
11 neighborhoods and communities safer and stronger by serving
12 victims of crime and ensuring justice for all; and

13 WHEREAS, Crime victims play an indispensable role in bringing
14 offenders to justice; and

15 WHEREAS, In the United States Department of Justice, the

1 Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) was established to enhance the
2 capacity to assist crime victims and promote justice and healing
3 for all victims of crimes; and

4 WHEREAS, Over the past three decades, crime victims and their
5 advocates have made unparalleled progress toward balancing the
6 scales of justice in the criminal justice system; and

7 WHEREAS, For many years, the OVC has helped lead communities
8 throughout this nation in its observance of "National Crime
9 Victims' Rights Week" to bolster public awareness about the
10 challenges crime victims face and to celebrate the hard-won
11 progress in victims' rights and services; and

12 WHEREAS, Victim service providers, criminal justice officials
13 and concerned citizens throughout this nation are joining
14 together to observe "National Crime Victims' Rights Week"; and

15 WHEREAS, The theme for this year's "National Crime Victims'
16 Rights Week" is "Strength. Resilience. Justice."; therefore be
17 it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
19 week of April 2 through 8, 2017, as "Crime Victims' Rights Week"
20 in Pennsylvania; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives reaffirm its
22 commitment to address victims' rights and criminal justice
23 issues.