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1 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.  
2 BY HARRISON  
3 A Concurrent Resolution designating Crime Victims'  
4 Rights Week in Iowa.  
5 WHEREAS, 43.6 million Americans are victimized in  
6 the United States each year; and  
7 WHEREAS, a violent crime is committed in America  
8 every 17 seconds; and  
9 WHEREAS, law-abiding citizens are no less deserving  
10 of justice, rights, resources, restoration, and  
11 rehabilitation than the violent offenders who  
12 victimize them; and  
13 WHEREAS, crime victims play an indispensable role  
14 in bringing offenders to justice; and  
15 WHEREAS, crime victims and their advocates over the  
16 past two decades have made unparalleled progress  
17 toward balancing the scales of justice in our criminal  
18 justice system; and  
19 WHEREAS, the dawning of a new day of victim justice  
20 is being heralded across our land by the strong spirit  
21 and commitment of millions of survivors of crime,  
22 their families, and advocates who proudly bear the  
23 banner of justice; and  
24 WHEREAS, survivors of violent crime need and  
25 deserve quality programs and services to help them  
26 recover from the devastating psychological, physical,  
27 and emotional hardships resulting from their  
28 victimization; and  
29 WHEREAS, as a nation devoted to liberty and justice  
30 for all, America must increase its efforts to protect

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1 and restore crime victims' rights; and

2 WHEREAS, to fight the continuing threat of crime  
3 and victimization, all Americans must join together,  
4 committing their individual and collective resources  
5 to crime prevention and victim services; NOW

6 THEREFORE,

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE  
8 SENATE CONCURRING, That the General Assembly designate  
9 the week of April 21 to April 27, 1996, as Crime  
10 Victims' Rights Week in Iowa, and reaffirm its  
11 commitment to victims' rights and criminal justice  
12 issues.

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