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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, On March 30, 2022, more than 200 Illinois crime survivors will travel to the Illinois State Capitol in Springfield for Survivors Speak Illinois 2022; and

WHEREAS, These survivors are gathering to heal together, share their stories, and advocate for change; and

WHEREAS, Survivors Speak Illinois 2022 is organized by Crime Survivors for Safety and Justice and the Alliance for Safety and Justice; and

WHEREAS, Crime and violence can leave harm on any individual and community, regardless of age, national origin, race, creed, religion, gender, sexual orientation, immigration, or economic status; and

WHEREAS, There is a need for the State of Illinois to invest in programs that provide assistance to crime survivors and their families to effectively deal with the inherent trauma and residual effects of violence; and

WHEREAS, Illinois must support trauma recovery centers that play a critical role and are an important resource for survivors impacted by crime; and

1           WHEREAS, Illinois must address the immediate safety  
2 concerns facing families and invest in a long-term,  
3 comprehensive plan to address the root causes of violence; and

4           WHEREAS, The voices and experiences of survivors have too  
5 often been ignored, leading to poor policy and justice system  
6 decisions that fail to meet the needs of survivors or stop the  
7 cycle of crime; and

8           WHEREAS, Most crime survivors do not receive the help they  
9 need; and

10           WHEREAS, Only eight percent of all survivors of violence  
11 receive direct assistance from a victim service agency; this  
12 drops to four percent when the crime is unreported, which is  
13 the case for more than half of all violent crimes; and

14           WHEREAS, Crime survivors understand existing gaps to  
15 recovery and how to bridge them; and

16           WHEREAS, Crime survivors want a system of justice and  
17 safety that prioritizes prevention, rehabilitation, and trauma  
18 recovery; and

19           WHEREAS, Through their experiences, crime survivors are

1 uniquely qualified to provide essential input and influence in  
2 discussions of public safety and criminal justice policy;  
3 therefore, be it

4       RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
5 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
6 we commend the survivors and advocates of Survivors Speak  
7 Illinois 2022 for their work to stop violence and help those  
8 impacted by it; and be it further

9       RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
10 presented to Crime Survivors for Safety and Justice and the  
11 Alliance for Safety and Justice.