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SENATE RESOLUTION

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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

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

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

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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

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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

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

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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 SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we support the
6 survivors and advocates of Survivors Speak Illinois 2022 in
7 their work to stop violence and help those impacted by it; and
8 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.