

House Resolution No. 1660

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to the welfare of this great state and its citizen; and

Whereas, the members now pause to recognize the Victims' Services Partnership, which is observing the 28th annual National Crime Victims' Rights Week April 13 through 19, 2008; and

Whereas, 23 million Americans are victims of crime each year, and of those, 5.2 million are victims of violent crimes; and

Whereas, a just society acknowledges crime's impact on individuals, families, and communities by ensuring that rights, resources, and services are available to help rebuild lives; and

Whereas, observing victims' rights and treating victims with dignity and respect serve the public interest by engaging victims in the justice system, inspiring respect for public authorities and promoting confidence in public safety; and

Whereas, the State of Missouri recognizes that we make our homes, neighborhoods, and communities safer and stronger by serving victims of crime and ensuring justice for all; and

Whereas, National Crime Victims' Rights Week provides an opportunity for the Partnership to advance the goal of justice for all by ensuring that all victims are afforded their legal rights and provided with assistance as they face the financial, physical, and psychological impact of crime; and

Whereas, National Crime Victims' Rights Week will be observed in Charleston, Missouri, with a ceremony presented by the Victims' Services Partnership, which includes employees of the Southeast Correctional Center, the Mississippi County Sheriff's Department, the Mississippi County Prosecutor's Office, Mississippi County and Scout County Victim Advocates, area Probation and Parole offices, the Missouri Highway Patrol, the Susanna Wesley Family Learning Center, area criminal justice and law enforcement officials, city, and county officials, and concerned citizens to raise victims' rights awareness and recognize the 28th National Crime Victims' Rights Week:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to applaud the significant efforts of the Victim's Services Partnership to bring to the forefront these issues and to convey our heartiest commendation for the Partnership's efforts to educate and advocate, with our appreciation for those victims and crime survivors who have turned personal tragedy into a motivating force to improve our response to victims of crime and build a more just society; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Victims' Services Partnership.

Offered by _____
Representative Steve Hodges
District No. 161

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1660, adopted April 8, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker