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**Representative Butler**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Antonio, Boggs, Brenner, Celebrezze,  
Pelanda, Sykes**

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**A RESOLUTION**

Recognizing National Crime Victims' Rights Week in Ohio,  
April 2-8, 2017.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 132nd General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to recognize April 2-8, 2017, as National Crime Victims' Rights Week in Ohio; and

WHEREAS, In an effort to increase public knowledge of, and pay tribute to, crime victims and survivors, National Crime Victims' Rights Week was first designated by the U.S. Congress in April of 1984, with commemorative legislation passed each year since. Americans are victims of more than 20 million crimes each year. Affecting individuals of all races and socio-economic backgrounds, these events have long-lasting repercussions, not only for victims and their families but also for communities and society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Our system of justice is founded on the principle of "justice for all" citizens, and although our nation has worked to expand rights and services for victims of crime, we must continue to strive to ensure that these same protections are available for all members of our population. Victims with disabilities and mental illness, those who are teenagers or are elderly, and those who live in rural areas or have different ethnic backgrounds must be treated with dignity and respect, as must all crime victims and their families; and

WHEREAS, In order to prevent the escalation of crime in the future, it is vital for all concerned citizens to join in

educating the general public, including potential offenders, about 24  
the effects of crime and in developing a general consciousness 25  
regarding its far reaching devastation. In observance of this 26  
year's commemoration, we ask all Ohioans to support and 27  
participate in events throughout their communities; therefore be 28  
it 29

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 30  
Representatives of the 132nd General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting 31  
this Resolution, recognize April 2-8, 2017, as National Crime 32  
Victims' Rights Week in Ohio; and be it further 33

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 34  
transmit duly authenticated copies of this Resolution to the news 35  
media of Ohio. 36