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Representative Butler

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

A RESOLUTION

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

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 1
132nd General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to recognize April 2-8, 2
2017, as National Crime Victims' Rights Week in Ohio; and 3

WHEREAS, In an effort to increase public knowledge of, and 4
pay tribute to, crime victims and survivors, National Crime 5
Victims' Rights Week was first designated by the U.S. Congress in 6
April of 1984, with commemorative legislation passed each year 7
since. Americans are victims of more than 20 million crimes each 8
year. Affecting individuals of all races and socio-economic 9
backgrounds, these events have long-lasting repercussions, not 10
only for victims and their families but also for communities and 11
society as a whole; and 12

WHEREAS, Our system of justice is founded on the principle 13
of "justice for all" citizens, and although our nation has worked 14
to expand rights and services for victims of crime, we must 15
continue to strive to ensure that these same protections are 16
available for all members of our population. Victims with 17
disabilities and mental illness, those who are teenagers or are 18
elderly, and those who live in rural areas or have different 19
ethnic backgrounds must be treated with dignity and respect, as 20
must all crime victims and their families; and 21

WHEREAS, In order to prevent the escalation of crime in the 22
future, it is vital for all concerned citizens to join in 23

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