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Designating April 25 through May 1, 1993, as “National Crime Victims’
Rights Week”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GEKAS (for himself and Mr. SCHUMER) introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service

JOINT RESOLUTION

Designating April 25 through May 1, 1993, as “National
Crime Victims’ Rights Week”.

Whereas there were over 35,000,000 crimes committed last year in America, with one violent crime occurring every 17 seconds;

Whereas more than 4 out of 5 Americans are personally “very concerned” about violent crime;

Whereas victims of crime across America deserve respect and assistance not only from the criminal justice system, but from society as well;

Whereas there is a crucial need to provide crime victims with quality programs and services to help them recover from the devastating psychological, physical, emotional and financial hardships resulting from their victimization;

Whereas there are 10,000 public and private agencies and organizations in the United States that are dedicated to improving the plight of crime victims;

Whereas the Nation's victims' rights movement and allied professions deserve recognition for their tireless efforts on behalf of victims of crime and their struggle to reduce senseless violence in America; and

Whereas it is essential for all Americans to join together and commit their individual and collective resources to victim assistance and violence reduction: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That April 25 through May 1, 1993, is designated as "Na-
4 tional Crime Victims' Rights Week", and the President
5 is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling
6 upon the people of the United States to observe the week
7 with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

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