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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 153

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 153—Relative to Crime Victims' Rights Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 153, as amended, Nielsen. Crime Victims' Rights Week.

This measure would recognize the week of April 18, 2010, through April 24, 2010, as Crime Victims' Rights Week.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Violent crime continues to exist in California and
- 2 crime in one part of the state, or against one person, affects our
- 3 entire sense of well-being; and

1 WHEREAS, All Californians are affected by crime, not just the
2 victims of violent crime; and

3 WHEREAS, The most effective aid that can be provided to
4 victims of crime is to prevent crime from occurring in the first
5 place; and

6 WHEREAS, Since 1981, National Crime Victims' Rights Week
7 has raised awareness of the special needs of crime victims; and

8 WHEREAS, The theme for this commemoration of National
9 Crime Victims' Rights Week is "Crime Victims' Rights: Fairness,
10 Dignity, Respect"; and

11 WHEREAS, 2010 is a landmark year for crime victims and
12 survivors and those who serve them; and

13 WHEREAS, The respect and protection of victims' rights within
14 the legal process is one of the most critical components of an
15 effective criminal justice system; and

16 WHEREAS, Victims and witnesses of crime require special
17 attention to ensure that they are thoroughly informed about, and
18 participate effectively in, the criminal justice system; and

19 WHEREAS, To the maximum extent allowed by law, victims
20 of violent crime should receive compensation for their losses; and

21 WHEREAS, Each day, thousands of victims and witnesses
22 receive assistance from victim support organizations,
23 victim-witness assistance centers, private service providers, and
24 state and local governments; and

25 WHEREAS, The criminal justice system in this state must persist
26 in its effort to better coordinate and improve the quality of services
27 provided to victims and witnesses; and

28 WHEREAS, California citizens enshrined victims' rights in the
29 California Constitution in 1982 through the passage of Proposition
30 8, the Crime Victims' Bill of Rights; and

31 WHEREAS, California citizens reaffirmed and afforded
32 additional rights to victims in the California Constitution and under
33 California Law in 2008 through the passage of Proposition 9, the
34 Victims' Bill of Rights Act of 2008: Marsy's Law; and

35 WHEREAS, Each year, the observance of the National Crime
36 Victims' Rights Week focuses on the problems confronting victims
37 of crime and the services available to support these victims; and

38 WHEREAS, The remembrances observed during National Crime
39 Victims' Rights Week promote awareness of victim issues and
40 acknowledge the combined efforts of citizens, government, and

1 the criminal justice system to improve victims' services in
2 California; now, therefore, be it
3 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
4 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby recognizes the
5 week of April 18, 2010, through April 24, 2010, as Crime Victims'
6 Rights Week in California; and be it further
7 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
8 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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