

By: Representatives Hines, Bailey, Carlton

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 74

1 A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF APRIL 18 TO APRIL 24,
2 2004, AS MISSISSIPPI CRIME VICTIMS' WEEK AND HONORING CRIME
3 VICTIMS AND THOSE WHO SERVE THEM.

4 WHEREAS, we as a nation recognize crime victims' suffering,
5 struggles and loss and value them as our family members and
6 friends, neighbors and coworkers who have been harmed by crime;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, we as a state acknowledge crime victims,
9 particularly those victims with disabilities who are more
10 vulnerable to repeated victimization; and

11 WHEREAS, as a state, we also understand the need for
12 specialized training and education in serving this segment of our
13 population; and

14 WHEREAS, we as individuals and communities value core rights
15 for crime victims that allow them to participate in the justice
16 processes with rights to information, protection, restitution and
17 to be heard; and

18 WHEREAS, we value the critical assistance and services that
19 provide for crime victims' basic needs, such as fair treatment,
20 dignity, respect and information, and the life essentials, such as
21 safe housing, food, support for their children, transportation,
22 counseling and medical services; and

23 WHEREAS, we value those among us who work on behalf of crime
24 victims to not only improve rights, services and treatment of
25 victims of crime, but, also, to build a better and more just
26 community and country; and

27 WHEREAS, we value our right to be free from violence, to be
28 safe in our homes and to live in peace in our communities; and

29 WHEREAS, America as a nation values liberty and justice for
30 all, including efforts to protect, enhance and expand crime
31 victims' rights and services; and

32 WHEREAS, America has joined together annually for the past 24
33 years to recognize the needs and rights of crime victims and
34 survivors; and

35 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
36 value crime victims and survivors, and to value justice in our
37 nation that includes and involves crime victims:

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
39 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we hereby
40 proclaim the week of April 18 to April 24, 2004, to be Mississippi
41 Crime Victims' Week, and honor crime victims and those who serve
42 them during this week and throughout the year.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
44 furnished to the Institute for Disability Studies at the
45 University of Southern Mississippi, the Mississippians for Crime
46 Victims' Rights on April 18, 2004, and to members of the Capitol
47 Press Corps.