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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 01-1042**

101     **CONCERNING COLORADO CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK.**

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1           WHEREAS, America's crime victims' rights proponents have had  
2 a powerful impact in educating our nation about the devastating effects of  
3 crime and victimization, and the need to provide support and services to  
4 individuals and communities hurt by crime; and

5           WHEREAS, Victimization rates in the United States are the lowest  
6 recorded since the inception of the National Crime Victimization Survey  
7 in 1973; and

8           WHEREAS, There were still 29 million people in America who  
9 were victimized by crime in 1999; and

10          WHEREAS, The year 2001 marks the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the  
11 Victim Impact Statement, which helps our criminal and juvenile justice  
12 systems better understand the psychological, financial, and physical  
13 effects of crime on victims, and hold offenders accountable for their  
14 criminal and delinquent actions; and

15          WHEREAS, The voices of our nation's victims have had a

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*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

1 powerful effect in changing laws, policies, and attitudes to promote  
2 victims' rights and services, and encouraging every person in America to  
3 take a stand and help crime victims; and

4 WHEREAS, Important partnerships have been formed among  
5 criminal and juvenile justice agencies, allied professionals, victim  
6 services, and the private sector to ensure that crime victims are treated  
7 with the dignity and respect they deserve; and

8 WHEREAS, Our nation's commitment to crime victim assistance  
9 grows stronger with each passing year, with over 10,000 system-based  
10 and community-based programs in place to provide help and hope to  
11 victims of crime; now, therefore,

12 *Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Sixty-third*  
13 *General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring herein:*

14 (1) That the Colorado General Assembly proclaims the week of  
15 April 22, 2001, to be Colorado Crime Victims' Rights Week and  
16 celebrates victims' voices as an important chorus for fairness and dignity.

17 (2) That the Colorado General Assembly encourages the citizens  
18 of the State of Colorado to seek justice and compassion for crime victims  
19 as individuals, as communities, and as a nation dedicated to justice for all.

20 *Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent  
21 to Victims Outreach Information, the Colorado Coalition Against Sexual  
22 Assault, Colorado Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Colorado  
23 Organization for Victim Assistance, the Colorado District Attorney's  
24 Council, the Division of Criminal Justice, the Victim Compensation  
25 Administrator, the Colorado Association of Family and Children's  
26 Agencies, Denver Victim Services, the Colorado State Patrol, the  
27 Colorado Association of Chiefs of Police, the County Sheriffs of  
28 Colorado, and the Denver Police Department.