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4 HR_____ RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 24, 2026, AS CRIME SURVIVORS
5 SPEAK ALABAMA DAY.

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7 WHEREAS, on February 24, 2026, more than 250 Alabama
8 crime victims and survivors representing the Crime Survivors
9 Speak Alabama Chapter will travel to the Alabama State
10 Capitol in Montgomery for Survivors Speak Alabama 2026; and

11 WHEREAS, these victims and survivors are gathering to
12 heal together, share their stories, and advocate for change;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Survivors Speak Alabama 2026 is organized by
15 Crime Survivors Speak and Just Safe; and

16 WHEREAS, crime and violence can harm any individual
17 or community, regardless of age, national origin, race,
18 creed, religion, gender, sexual orientation, or economic
19 status; and

20 WHEREAS, there is a need for the State of Alabama to
21 invest in additional programs that assist crime survivors
22 and their families in effectively addressing the inherent
23 trauma and residual effects of violence; and

24 WHEREAS, Alabama must invest in trauma recovery
25 centers, which play a critical role and serve as essential
26 wraparound resources for victims and survivors impacted by
27 crime; and

28 WHEREAS, Alabama must address the immediate safety



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29 concerns facing families and invest in a long-term,
30 comprehensive plan to address the root causes of violence;
31 and

32 WHEREAS, the voices and experiences of victims and
33 survivors have too often been ignored, and current systems
34 frequently fail to meet the needs of those from communities
35 most impacted by violence; and

36 WHEREAS, most victims and crime survivors do not
37 receive the help they need; and

38 WHEREAS, only eight percent of all survivors of
39 violence receive direct assistance from a victim service
40 agency; this percentage drops to four percent when the crime
41 is unreported, which is the case for more than half of all
42 violent crimes; and

43 WHEREAS, crime survivors understand the existing gaps
44 in recovery and how to bridge them; and

45 WHEREAS, crime survivors seek a system of justice and
46 safety that prioritizes prevention, rehabilitation, and
47 trauma recovery; and

48 WHEREAS, through their experiences, victims and crime
49 survivors are uniquely qualified to provide essential input
50 and influence in discussions of public safety, victim
51 services, and criminal justice policy; now therefore,

52 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
53 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we recognize February 24, 2026,
54 as Crime Survivors Speak Alabama Day, and we commend the
55 advocates, organizations, and survivors of the Crime



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56 Survivors Speak Alabama Chapter for their work to support
57 victims, prevent violence, and help communities heal.

58 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this
59 resolution be presented to Crime Survivors Speak and Just
60 Safe.