

By Senator Constantine

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Senate Memorial No. ____

A memorial the Congress of the United States,
urging Congress to enact a proposed amendment
to the Constitution of the United States to
protect the rights of crime victims.

WHEREAS, the rights of a victim of violent crime, being
capable of protection without denying the constitutional
rights of those accused of victimizing him or her, should not
be denied, and

WHEREAS, a victim of a violent crime should have the
right to reasonable and timely notice of any public proceeding
involving the crime and of any release or escape of the
accused, and

WHEREAS, a victim has the right to be included in such
public proceeding and to be reasonably heard at public
release, plea, sentencing, reprieve, and pardon proceedings,
and

WHEREAS, a victim has the right to adjudicative
decisions that duly consider the victim's safety, interest in
avoiding unreasonable delay, and just and timely claims to
restitution from the offender, and

WHEREAS, these rights should not be restricted except
when and to the degree dictated by a substantial interest in
public safety or the administration of criminal justice or by
compelling necessity, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

1 That the Congress of the United States is requested to
2 enact a proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United
3 States to protect the rights of crime victims.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
5 dispatched to the President of the United States, to the
6 President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the
7 United States House of Representatives, and to each member of
8 the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.

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