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Supporting an amendment to the Constitution of the United States establishing the rights of victims of crimes.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

WHEREAS, in applying and interpreting the vital guarantees of the United States Constitution that protect all citizens, the criminal justice system has lost an essential balance; and

WHEREAS the criminal justice system has not provided adequate protection to the innocent, the honest, and the helpless victims of crime; and

WHEREAS in 1982 the president's Task Force on Victims of Crime recommended an amendment to the Constitution of the United States addressing victims' rights; and

WHEREAS, under Article V of the Constitution of the United States, amendments to the Constitution of the United States may be proposed by the Congress of the United States or, upon the application of the legislatures of two-thirds of the states, the Congress shall call a constitutional convention for the purpose of proposing amendments; and

WHEREAS there is currently before the Congress for consideration a proposed victims' rights amendment;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Congress of the United

States is requested to act on the proposed victims' rights amendment that is before it and submit to the states an amendment to the Sixth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Bill Clinton, President of the United States; to Sheila P. Burke, the Secretary of the U.S. Senate; to Robin Hewlett Carle, the Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.