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Victim's Rights

H.R. 5498 – Increases the cap on the Crime Victims Fund from \$590 million to \$661 million. The Crime Victims Fund is funded entirely by criminal offenders, not taxpayers. The funding level for Fiscal Year 2008 was unexpectedly slashed by \$35 million. In addition, for the first time in the Fund's 24 year history, the Department of Justice is set to charge a 5.5% surcharge on the Fund for management and administrative expenses. This amounts to another \$32.45 million cut for victim services. Allows more money to be available for victim service providers.

- Introduced: February 26, 2008
- Status: House Judiciary Committee. 4 cosponsors.

H.Res. 852 - Raising awareness and encouraging prevention of stalking by establishing January 2008 as "National Stalking Awareness Month".

- Introduced: December 6, 2007
- Status: Passed House by voice vote. 14 cosponsors.

H.R. 3364 - Allows parents of murdered children to continue to claim the deduction for the personal exemption with respect to such child for 5 years after their death or to the date which they would've turned 18.

- Introduced: August 3, 2007

- Status: House Ways and Means Committee. 2 cosponsors.

H.Amdt.668 to H.R. 3093 – Adds \$10 million to the Crime Victims Fund under the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), bringing the annual available total from \$625 million to \$635 million. These funds are used to provide crime victim services.

- Introduced: July 25, 2007

- Status: Passed House 395 – 34.

H.Con.Res. 30 - Raising awareness and encouraging prevention of stalking by establishing January 2007 as "National Stalking Awareness Month".

- Introduced: January 11, 2007

- Status: House Judiciary Committee; Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security Subcommittee. 9 cosponsors.

H.R. 2941, Victims of Crime Act Preservation Fund Act of 2007 – Would prohibit Congress and the president from taking up legislation or proposing legislation that would raid the crime victim fund.

- Introduced: June 28, 2007

- Status: House Budget Committee, House Rules Committee, House Judiciary Committee; Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security Subcommittee. 63 cosponsors.

H.Res. 590 - Supports the goals and ideals of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October and expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that Congress should raise awareness of domestic violence in the United States and its devastating effects on families and communities.

- Introduced: July 31, 2007

- Status: Passed House 395-0. 65 cosponsors.

H.R. 1656 – Would allow law enforcement agencies to have access to databases maintained by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) during natural disasters for purposes of ensuring compliance with sex offender registration and notification laws.

- Introduced: March 22 2007

- Status: House Government Reform Committee; Information Policy, Census, and National Archives Subcommittee. Transportation and Infrastructure Committee; Highways and Transit Subcommittee. 1 cosponsor.

Border Security & Illegal Immigration

H.Amdt.675 to H.R. 3093 - Prohibits the use of funds to enforce the judgment by the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas in the case of United States v. Ignacio Ramos and Jose Compean decided March 8, 2006 and prohibits the use of funds to enforce the sentence which calls for their incarceration.

- Introduced: July 25, 2007
- Status: Passed House by voice vote.

H.Amdt.380 to H.R. 2764 - Prohibits use of funds in this bill to provide an immigrant or non-immigrant visa to a national or citizen of a country that refuses to extradite to the United States any individual indicted in the United States for killing a law enforcement officer, as specified in a United States extradition request.

- Introduced: June 21, 2007
- Status: Passed House by voice vote.

H.Con.Res. 83 – Supports state and local governments who discourage illegal immigration, requires immediate federal enforcement of immigration laws, and calls for new legislation to secure the border.

- Introduced: March 6, 2007
- Status: House Judiciary Committee; Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law Subcommittee. Homeland Security Committee. 42 cosponsors.

H.Amdt.290 to H.R. 2638 - Prohibits funds to be used by the Secretary of Homeland Security in FY2008 to develop a plan that permits travel into the United States from foreign countries using any document other than a passport.

- Introduced: June 15, 2007
- Status: Failed by recorded vote: 89 - 331.

Crime & Courts

H.Res. 1132 - Supports the goals and ideals of Peace Officers Memorial Day 2008 to honor Federal, State, and local peace officers killed or disabled in the line of duty.

- Introduced: April 22, 2008
- Status: House Oversight and Government Reform Committee. 69 cosponsors.

H.Amdt. 1026 to H.R. 2830 - States the findings of Congress that stateless submersible or semi-submersible vessels on international voyages are a serious international problem, facilitate international crimes, and are a threat to the safety and security of the United States. Bill would make it a federal criminal offense subject to fines, imprisonment, or both for the operation and embarkation of any stateless submersible or semi-submersible vessel.

- Introduced: April 24, 2008
- Status: Passed House by recorded vote: 408-1.

H.RES.945 - Raising awareness and promoting education on the criminal justice system by establishing March 2008 as "National Criminal Justice Month".

- Introduced: January 28, 2008.
- Status: House Judiciary Committee. 8 cosponsors

H.R. 3789, Consumer Cellphone Number Distribution Protection Act of 2007 – Prohibits the sale of a consumer's cell phone number. Makes a violation of this Act a federal misdemeanor with fines and imprisonment up to 6 months.

- Introduced: October 9, 2007

- Status: House Judiciary Committee; Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security Subcommittee. 1 cosponsor.

H.R. 893, John R. Justice Prosecutors and Defenders Incentive Act of 2007 - Allows an individual who is employed as a prosecutor or public defender for 3 years to enter into a loan repayment agreement of \$10,000 per year and \$60,000 total to encourage continued employment in these fields.

- Introduced: March 7, 2007

- Status: House Judiciary Committee; Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security Subcommittee. 1 cosponsor.

H.Res. 291 - Supports the goals and ideals of Peace Officers Memorial Day 2007 to honor Federal, State, and local peace officers killed or disabled in the line of duty.

- Introduced: March 29, 2007

- Status: Passed House by voice vote. 78 cosponsors.

H.R. 1299 – Would permit Supreme Court proceedings to be televised.

- Introduced: March 1, 2007

- Status: House Judiciary Committee. 7 cosponsors.

Military & Veterans

H.R. 5517 - Designates the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7231 FM 1960 in Humble, Texas, as the "Texas Military Veterans Post Office".

-Introduced: February 28, 2008

- Status: Passed House

H.R. 5131, Lance Corporal Jeremy Burris Act - Provide fines and/or imprisonment up to 10 years for the destruction of memorials, headstones, markers, and graves commemorating persons serving in the Armed Forces on private property. Current law only applies to desecration to public property.

- Introduced: January 23, 2008

- Status: House Judiciary Committee. 29 cosponsors

H.J. Res 58 - Expresses support for designation of the month of October 2007 as "Country Music Month" and honors country music for its long history of supporting America's armed forces and its tremendous impact on national patriotism.

- Introduced: October 16, 2007

- Status: Passed House 398-0. 33 cosponsors.

H.R. 1213, Ready Employers Willing to Assist Reservists' Deployment Act of 2007 (REWARD Act of 2007) - Allows employers who employ a member of the National Guard or Reserves to take a tax credit for 50% of the wages paid to their employees on

active military duty for more than 90 days as Ready Reserve or National Guard. Also allows the employer a tax credit for 50% of the wages paid to temporary replacement employees during their absence. The goal of this legislation is to give an incentive to employers to continue to pay a Guard or Reservists their civilian pay during their mobilization. Many families suffer during long deployments when they can't rely on a steady and predictable flow of income.

- Introduced: February 27, 2007

- Status: House Ways and Means Committee. 27 cosponsors.

Foreign Affairs

H.Res. 925 - Condemning the People's Republic of China for its socially unacceptable business practices, including the manufacturing and exportation of unsafe products, casual disregard for the environment, and exploitative employment practices.

- Introduced: January 16, 2008

- Status: House Foreign Affairs Committee. 11 cosponsors.

H.Res. 379 - Congratulating Nicolas Sarkozy on his election to the presidency of France.

- Introduced: May 7, 2007

- Status: Passed House 395-0. 24 cosponsors.

Transportation

H.Amdt.805 to H.R. 2881, FAA Reauthorization Act of 2007 - Extends drug and alcohol testing to individuals performing maintenance work on U.S. air carriers at foreign aircraft repair stations.

- Introduced: September 20, 2007

- Status: Passed House by voice vote.

H.R. 2443, Federal Aviation Administration Facility Consolidation Moratorium Act of 2007 – Suspends the authority of the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to eliminate, consolidate, deconsolidate, colocate, or plan for the consolidation, deconsolidation, inter-facility reorganization, or colocation of, any air traffic control facility and services of the Administration until January 1, 2009. States the importance of FAA to notify the public and stakeholders with regard to these kinds of decisions.

- Introduced: May 22, 2007

- Status: House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee; Aviation Subcommittee. 82 cosponsors.

Financial Services

H.R. 4241, Notify Americans Before Outsourcing Personal Information Act – States that a business shall not transfer personally identifiable information regarding a citizen of the United States to any foreign affiliate or subcontractor located in another country without providing that citizen written notice in plain language that such information may be transferred to such foreign affiliate or subcontractor. Allows victims to pursue a cause

of action in state court to obtain damages, including compensatory and punitive; to obtain injunctive relief; and to obtain any other compensation.

- Introduced: November 15, 2007

- Status: House Financial Services Committee. 0 cosponsors.

Recognizing American Accomplishments

H.Res. 1165 - Honoring the life and accomplishments of the actor Jimmy Stewart and the contributions he made to the Nation on the 100th anniversary of his birth.

- Introduced: April 29, 2008

- Status: House Oversight and Government Reform Committee. 51 cosponsors.