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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 2006  
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Passed House, Date \_\_\_\_\_ Passed Senate, Date \_\_\_\_\_  
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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

1 A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of  
2 the State of Iowa providing certain rights to victims of  
3 crimes.

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of  
2 the State of Iowa is proposed:

3 Article I of the Constitution of the State of Iowa is  
4 amended by adding the following new section which shall be  
5 applicable to criminal proceedings occurring after  
6 ratification of this amendment by the electorate:

7 RIGHTS OF VICTIMS OF CRIME. SEC. 10A. Victims of crime  
8 have the right to be treated with fairness, dignity, and  
9 respect throughout the criminal justice process, to be  
10 informed of and present during public hearings, and to confer  
11 with the prosecution, to the extent that exercising these  
12 rights does not infringe upon the constitutional rights of the  
13 accused.

14 Sec. 2. REFERRAL AND PUBLICATION. The foregoing amendment  
15 to the Constitution of the State of Iowa is referred to the  
16 General Assembly to be chosen at the next general election for  
17 members of the General Assembly, and the Secretary of State is  
18 directed to cause the same to be published for three  
19 consecutive months previous to the date of that election as  
20 provided by law.

21 EXPLANATION

22 This joint resolution proposes an amendment to the  
23 Constitution of the State of Iowa regarding the constitutional  
24 protection for certain rights of the victims of criminal  
25 offenses. The resolution, if adopted, would be referred to  
26 the next general assembly, and if again adopted, would be  
27 submitted to the electorate for ratification, in accordance  
28 with the procedures detailed in Article X, section 1, of the  
29 Iowa Constitution.

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