

103<sup>D</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. J. RES. 391

To designate the week of September 12, 1994, through September 16, 1994,  
as “National Gang Violence Prevention Week”.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 20, 1994

Mrs. COLLINS of Illinois introduced the following joint resolution; which was  
referred to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service

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## **JOINT RESOLUTION**

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Whereas the number of gang homicides has risen in Chicago alone from 38 in 1980 to 101 in 1990;

Whereas the number of gang-related homicides as of 1991 stood at 1,051;

Whereas, in the past decade, gang-related homicides and gang related drug trafficking has increased and spread to cities in all 50 States;

Whereas, between the years 1989 and 1991, the number of gangs and gang members in the Nation's 79 largest cities doubled;

Whereas the number of gangs as of 1991 stood at 4,881 which includes 249,324 members;

Whereas gangs are now part of the crime problem in communities with populations as small as 8,000 citizens;

Whereas many gangs are actively involved in drug trafficking, and some Los Angeles gangs have been linked to Colombian drug cartels;

Whereas our youth are directly impacted by the rise in gang membership, with the average age of gang members being 19; and

Whereas every effort needs to be made to reduce gang violence and steer our young people away from gangs and every citizen needs to be aware of the problem: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*  
 2        *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*  
 3        That the week of September 12, 1994, through September  
 4        16, 1994, be designated as "National Gang Violence Pre-  
 5        vention Week", and the President is authorized and re-  
 6        quested to issue a proclamation calling on the people of  
 7        the United States to observe the week with appropriate  
 8        ceremonies and activities.

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