



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

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### FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res. 945 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Ted Poe (R-TX) on January 28, 2008. The resolution was referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary, but was never considered.

H.Res. 945 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on April 1, 2008.

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### SUMMARY

H.Res. 945 resolves that it is the sense of the House of Representatives that:

- National Criminal Justice Month provides an opportunity to educate Americans on the criminal justice system; and
- Americans should be aware of the causes and consequences of crime, how to prevent crime, and how to respond to crime; and
- The House of Representatives urges policymakers, criminal justice officials, educators, victim service providers, nonprofits, community leaders, and others to promote awareness of how to prevent and respond to crime through National Criminal Justice Month.

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### BACKGROUND

According to the Department of Justice, the U.S. adult correctional population incarcerated or in the community reached 7.2 million men and women. This is an increase of 159,500 during the year (2007). About 3.2 percent of the U.S. adult population, or 1 in every 31 adults, was in the nation's prisons or jails or on probation or parole at the end of 2006. There were approximately 2.2 million inmates in the prison system.

The purpose of National Criminal Justice month is to educate the public on how to prevent crimes and how to call for help. Websites such as the [National Crime Prevention Council](#) help to provide tips to both children and adults on how to remain safe on a day to day basis.

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