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The Justice Coalition began in 1995 because one man's priorities were changed. Ted Hires was the average businessman working 60 to 80 hours a week and looking out for himself until that day when he and his staff were held at gunpoint and robbed. Being a victim of crime, Ted found the criminal justice system worked harder for the criminal than the victim. As a result of Ted's experience, he formed a (501C3) non-profit organization, the Justice Coalition, and is making an effort to change the Fourth Judicial court system for the better.

Since 1995, the Justice Coalition has been fighting crime every step of the way. Fugitives captured are through a partnership with local media and law enforcement agencies.

The Justice Coalition's
Victims' Advocate

A free newspaper supporting victims' rights published monthly by The Justice Coalition. The opinions of contributing writers are not necessarily those of the Justice Coalition's Victims' Advocate or the Justice Coalition. The Justice Coalition's Victims' Advocate welcomes both editorial and photographic submission, but they cannot be returned. Please allow six weeks for a response to submitted works. Calendar information is welcome but must be submitted one month in advance of the event.

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THE JUSTICE COALITION'S OBJECTIVES

- To be available for innocent victims of violent crime
- To educate the general public on criminal justice issues
- To be pro-active in the fight against crime

Advertising Deadline

The deadline for advertising copy for the **July 2009 Edition** of the JUSTICE COALITION'S VICTIMS' ADVOCATE is **June 10, 2009.**

THE SECRET WORD GAME

CONGRATULATIONS TO APRIL'S WINNER, WENDY FOY. THANKS FOR PLAYING.

Hidden in the text of the Victims' Advocate is the **SECRET WORD** for the month of **May**. The rules are simple:

1. Find the word.
2. Telephone the Justice Coalition office 783-6312.
3. The first person who telephones the correct Secret Word wins a Gift Certificate to Sonny's Real Pit Barbeque Restaurant.
4. You can only win once in a twelve month period.

SO START SEARCHING!

Exclusions: no persons employed by the Justice Coalition, Sonny's, nor their families are eligible.

Resolution

by Senator Stephen R. Wise

A resolution recognizing Ted M. Hires, Sr., for his valuable contributions to the residents of the City of Jacksonville and the State of Florida as an advocate of victim's rights.

WHEREAS, Ted M. Hires, Sr., was born in Jesup, Georgia, where he grew to be both ambitious and hardworking, and

WHEREAS, nearly four decades ago, Ted M. Hires, Sr., moved to Jacksonville, where he became a successful businessman, working in a variety of positions for the corporate offices of Sonny's Real Pit Bar-B-Q and owning four Sonny's restaurants, and

WHEREAS, IN July 1995, following a robbery at one of his Jacksonville restaurants, in which he and his employees were held at gunpoint, Ted M. Hires, Sr., founded the Justice Coalition, and

WHEREAS, with advocacy for innocent victims of violent crime as his prime objective and using his own funds, Ted M. Hires, Sr., built the Justice Coalition as an organization intent on helping to improve the criminal justice system's service to the community, and

WHEREAS, the Justice Coalition has made remarkable strides in bringing criminal justice to the forefront of public awareness and offering and participating in solutions to many problems that are inherent in the criminal justice system, and

WHEREAS, in 1996, Ted M. Hires, Sr., began publication of a monthly newspaper entitled the *Victims' Advocate* to inform the

public about criminal justice issues and the toll that crime takes on its victims and their families, to draw attention to the need for change in the criminal laws and policies of this state, and to recognize and support efforts by members of the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, the FBI, FDLE, other law enforcement agencies and concerned citizens to reduce crime and increase public safety, and

WHEREAS, never asking for any compensation for himself and refusing to seek government grants to support the work of the Justice Coalition, Ted M. Hires, Sr., was a shining example of how one person can make a significant difference in the lives of others, and

WHEREAS, the passing of Ted M. Hires, Sr., on December 17, 2008, leaves a void in the hearts of his family and friends and a community that is grateful for his many contributions, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

That Ted M. Hires, Sr., is recognized for his valuable contributions to the residents of the City of Jacksonville and the State of Florida and is remembered and honored for his service to his community and his advocacy of victim's rights.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to the family of Ted M. Hires, Sr., as a tangible token of the sentiments of the Florida Senate.

National Day of Prayer
Jacksonville Fairgrounds
Thursday May 7, 2009
6:00 - 9:00 pm

Preceded by:
Prayer @ City Council Chamber
(noon-1:00pm)
Jacksonville City Hall
117 Duval St. W.

Followed by:
Prayer & Worship @ JaxIHOP
(9:00pm - midnight)
1515 Prudential Dr. Building 600
Jacksonville, FL 32207

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