A Resolution relating to unsolved crimes; creating Unsolved Crimes Awareness Week.

WHEREAS, The FBI Uniform Crime Report estimates that investigators were able to close only 62% of murders and only 35% of sexual assaults in 2017; and

WHEREAS, Today, 40% of homicides go unsolved; and

WHEREAS, Experts estimate that, based on Uniform Crime Report data, our nation currently has 250,000 unsolved murders, a number that increases by about 6,000 each year; and

WHEREAS, Unsolved cases mean mounting caseloads for law enforcement, which drain resources and result in higher costs for agencies with limited budgets; and
WHEREAS, victims and families and friends of victims of violent crimes suffer great anguish that is increased by the fact that the crimes remain unsolved; and

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize the seriousness of this problem and to be vigilant in doing all we can to solve these crimes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 57TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT March 15 through March 21, 2020, is hereby declared to be Unsolved Crimes Awareness Week.

DIRECT TO CALENDAR.