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ROEBUCK, MERRY AND HESS, JANUARY 26, 1995

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JANUARY 26, 1995

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating May 21, 1995, as "55 Alive/Mature Driving Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP),
4 the Nation's leading nonprofit, nonpartisan organization,
5 founded in 1958, provides a vital fellowship for men and women
6 age 50 and older whether they are still actively employed,
7 semiretired or retired; and

8 WHEREAS, Recognizing the need to help older drivers improve
9 their skills and prevent traffic accidents, AARP offers to all
10 motorists age 50 and older the 55 Alive/Mature Driving Program,
11 an eight-hour classroom refresher course with a comprehensive
12 curriculum designed especially for the older motorist; and

13 WHEREAS, AARP's involvement in driver improvement education
14 for older Americans began in 1969 when the association commenced

1 teaching the National Safety Council's (NSC) Defensive Driving
2 Course (DDC) to older Americans nationwide; and

3 WHEREAS, Convinced that older drivers should have a training
4 program of their own, AARP decided to create one; and

5 WHEREAS, The United States Department of Transportation
6 evaluated the 55 Alive/Mature Driving Program and found a large
7 and statistically significant increase in knowledge during the
8 entire evaluation period in the group that was retrained; and

9 WHEREAS, Legislation has been enacted in 33 states, including
10 Pennsylvania and the District of Columbia, which requires all
11 automobile insurance companies conducting business in those
12 jurisdictions to provide a premium discount to graduates of
13 State-approved driver improvement courses. AARP's 55
14 Alive/Mature Driving Program is approved in every state;
15 therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate May 21,
17 1995, as "55 Alive/Mature Driving Day" in Pennsylvania in
18 recognition of the major contribution of this program to driver
19 safety.