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A RESOLUTION

1 Requiring State Liquor Stores to use bags containing a warning.

2 WHEREAS, Traffic crashes cause more violent deaths in the
3 United States than any other cause, over 50,000 in 1980; and

4 WHEREAS, Traffic crashes also play a substantial role in
5 serious injuries, causing most of the new cases of epilepsy and
6 paraplegia in the United States each year; and

7 WHEREAS, Between 45 and 55 percent of fatally injured drivers
8 have alcohol concentrations in their blood above the legal limit
9 and this figure rises to 55 and 65 percent in single-vehicle
10 crashes; and

11 WHEREAS, The total societal cost of drunk driving has been
12 estimated to be as high as 25 billion dollars a year, which does
13 not include the human suffering that can never be measured; and

14 WHEREAS, There has been a ground swell of national and local
15 activity aimed at these problems through citizens' groups, task

1 forces and the Presidential Commission on Drunk Driving; and

2 WHEREAS, Increased public knowledge about the gravity of the
3 problem of drunk driving may convince alcohol users to refrain
4 from driving and may stimulate interest in research about the
5 effects of alcohol on driving ability and the incidence of
6 traffic crashes; and

7 WHEREAS, National awareness of the problems of drunk driving
8 may help to sustain current efforts to develop comprehensive
9 solutions at the State and local levels; and

10 WHEREAS, The summer vacation period is a particularly
11 appropriate time to focus national attention on this critical
12 problem because more drivers are on the roads, more social
13 functions are attended and more traffic collisions occur;
14 therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That all alcoholic products sold through the State
16 Liquor Stores be placed in bags that contain the following
17 slogan: "If you drink, don't drive"!