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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
FEBRUARY 5, 2001

A RESOLUTION

1 Declaring the week of February 11 through 17, 2001, as "Child
2 Passenger Safety Week."

3 WHEREAS, More children in the United States are killed and
4 crippled in car crashes than any other cause of injury; and

5 WHEREAS, Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death
6 for children from five to 15 years of age; and

7 WHEREAS, Every day an average of seven children from zero to
8 14 years of age are killed and another 866 are injured in motor
9 vehicle crashes; and

10 WHEREAS, According to the National Highway Traffic Safety

1 Administration (NHTSA), child safety seats, when correctly used,
2 can reduce fatalities and are one of the most effective safety
3 innovations ever developed; and

4 WHEREAS, Child safety seats reduce the risk of fatal injury
5 by 71% for infants and by 54% for toddlers in passenger cars;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, All 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico
8 and the United States Territories have enacted laws requiring
9 the use of child passenger protection systems; and

10 WHEREAS, Many child passenger safety seats are misused in
11 some way and correct placement and harnessing are critical to
12 ensure adequate protection; and

13 WHEREAS, Children in rear-facing child seats should not be
14 placed in the front seat of vehicles with passenger air bags as
15 the impact of a deploying air bag on a rear-facing child seat
16 could injure the child; and

17 WHEREAS, Children 12 years of age and younger should ride in
18 the back seat; and

19 WHEREAS, Death and injury may be significantly reduced
20 through greater public awareness, information, education and
21 enforcement of child passenger safety seat laws; therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives, in recognition
23 of every child's right to adequate protection when being
24 transported in a motor vehicle, declare the week of February 11
25 through 17, 2001, as "Child Passenger Safety Week."