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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Encouraging safe driving habits and the reduction of road rage  
2 incidents in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
4 (NHTSA) defines road rage as "an assault with a motor vehicle or  
5 other dangerous weapon by the operator or passenger(s) of  
6 another motor vehicle or an assault precipitated by an incident  
7 that occurred on a roadway"; and

8 WHEREAS, The NHTSA classifies road rage as a criminal  
9 offense; and

10 WHEREAS, Road rage can often cause significant property  
11 damage and physical harm, including fatalities; and

12 WHEREAS, Road rage can be sparked by incidents of aggressive  
13 driving such as tailgating, cutting off traffic and driving with  
14 excessive speed, among others; and

15 WHEREAS, Psychological research has demonstrated that road  
16 rage may often be the result of "intermittent explosive  
17 disorder," which could affect as many as 16 million Americans;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, The NHTSA has concluded that incidents of road rage  
3 are likely to increase as roadways become more congested and  
4 drivers travel more miles; therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage motor  
6 vehicle drivers in this Commonwealth to show civility and  
7 courtesy toward other drivers and to drive defensively instead  
8 of aggressively; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives continue to  
10 support measures that will promote safe driving practices in  
11 Pennsylvania.