

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, APRIL  
4, 2012

## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of April 2012 as "Distracted Driving  
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Distracted driving threatens the health and safety  
4 of drivers and passengers, road workers and bystanders on our  
5 roadways; and

6 WHEREAS, Motor vehicle accidents resulting from distracted  
7 driving cause an average of 332 accidents and four deaths each  
8 day in this Commonwealth; and

9 WHEREAS, Distracted driving is not confined to a single  
10 cause, age group, level of education or driver demographic; and

11 WHEREAS, Fatalities may be associated with multiple  
12 categories of distraction; and

13 WHEREAS, Distracted driving was the fourth most common  
14 contributing factor in motor vehicle accidents in 2010; and

15 WHEREAS, According to national statistics, distracted driving

1 was involved in 20% of accidents in 2009, with distraction-  
2 related accidents causing 5,474 deaths and 448,000 injuries; and

3 WHEREAS, Distracted behaviors include use of cell phones or  
4 other electronic devices, eating, drinking or smoking while  
5 driving, engaging in conversation and adjusting vehicle controls  
6 or onboard navigation systems; and

7 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives urges drivers to avoid  
8 careless driving or inattention while operating a vehicle and to  
9 be aware of the risks of driver fatigue and looking away from  
10 the roadway; and

11 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives encourages driver  
12 safety, including seatbelt use and avoidance of distractions and  
13 dangerous driving situations, to reduce the number of deaths and  
14 injuries on roadways throughout this Commonwealth; therefore be  
15 it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
17 month of April 2012 as "Distracted Driving Awareness Month" in  
18 Pennsylvania.