

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 154 Session of 2013

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MARCH 14, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of April 2013 as "Distracted Driving
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Distracted driving is any activity that diverts a
4 person's attention away from the primary task of driving; and

5 WHEREAS, All distractions endanger driver, passenger and
6 bystander safety; and

7 WHEREAS, Distracted driving comes in various forms, including
8 using a cellular telephone or other electronic device, eating
9 and drinking, smoking, engaging in conversation and using a
10 navigation system while driving; and

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

13 WHEREAS, Motor vehicle accidents resulting from distracted

1 driving caused 10,567 accidents in 2011, an increase of more
2 than 350 accidents from 2010; and

3 WHEREAS, According to national statistics, 3,331 people were
4 killed in crashes involving a distracted driver and 387,000
5 people were injured in motor vehicle crashes involving a
6 distracted driver in 2011; and

7 WHEREAS, The best way to end distracted driving is to educate
8 all Pennsylvanians about the danger it poses; therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge drivers to
10 consider the lives of others on the road and avoid distracted
11 driving; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage
13 parents, teens, teachers and community leaders to discuss the
14 risk of distracted driving; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
16 month of April 2013 as "Distracted Driving Awareness Month" in
17 Pennsylvania.