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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Members of the House of Representatives

FROM: Representative Ronald G. Waters

SUBJECT: Request for Co-Sponsorship

DATE: August 15, 2012

In the near future, I will introduce a resolution designating the week of October 21 through October 27, 2012, as "Rubbernecking Awareness Week in Pennsylvania." Rubbernecking is defined as paying attention with exaggerated curiosity to an event or scene out of the pathway of the driver and thus being diverted from the task of defensive and safe driving.

Rubbernecking ranks as the leading cause of single distractions while driving. Common driving distractions can occur either inside or outside of the vehicle. Common distractions include: eating or drinking, grooming, passenger or child distractions, adjusting the car radio or other music form, adjusting vehicle controls (mirrors, heaters, etc.), cell phone use, an insect inside the vehicle, an animal in the roadway, looking at a crash, a roadside incident, or traffic, and looking at scenery or landmarks.

Let's promote safe driving by ensuring citizens understand the devastating effects of rubbernecking. If you are interested in co-sponsoring this resolution, please contact Nilda Jenkins at (717) 772-6955 or via e-mail at njenkins@pahouse.net.