

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating October 10, 2013, as "Put the Brakes on Fatalities
2 Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania had the third lowest fatalities on
4 record last year with a total of 1,310; and

5 WHEREAS, PennDOT data from police reports show that there
6 were 124,062 crashes on Pennsylvania roadways in 2012, a
7 decrease from 125,322 in 2011, and fewer than the 144,542
8 Pennsylvania crashes 15 years ago; and

9 WHEREAS, The reduction in fatalities may be attributed to the
10 increase in young driver safety requirements signed into law by
11 Governor Corbett in 2011; and

12 WHEREAS, There are many controllable causes of traffic
13 fatalities, including excessive speed, use of alcohol and drugs,
14 inexperience and carelessness; and

15 WHEREAS, The National Society of Professional Engineers, the
16 Institute of Transportation Engineers Expert Witness Council and
17 a coalition of government agencies have teamed up to focus

1 national public awareness on October 10, 2013, regarding the
2 causes of traffic fatalities and the need to reduce the number
3 of traffic fatalities; and

4 WHEREAS, There is national interest in designating October
5 10, 2013, as "Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day"; and

6 WHEREAS, On that day everyone should take an extra measure of
7 care to ensure their safety and the safety of sharing the road
8 with other users in a safe manner by:

9 (1) driving courteously and defensively;

10 (2) knowing the rules of the road for their method of
11 transportation and obeying all signs and signals;

12 (3) wearing protective gear, seat belts or helmets; and

13 (4) avoiding speeding or driving while impaired or
14 driving aggressively;

15 therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate October
17 10, 2013, as "Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day" in Pennsylvania.