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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

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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 could divert  
4 a 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 cell phone or other electronic device, eating and  
9 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  
14 driving caused 10,567 accidents in 2011, an increase of more  
15 than 350 accidents from 2010; and

16 WHEREAS, According to national statistics, 3,331 people were

1 killed in crashes involving a distracted driver and 387,000  
2 people were injured in motor vehicle crashes involving a  
3 distracted driver in 2011; and

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

6 RESOLVED, That the Senate urge drivers to consider the lives  
7 of others on the road and avoid distracted driving; and be it  
8 further

9 RESOLVED, That the Senate encourage parents, teens, teachers  
10 and community leaders to discuss the risk of distracted driving;  
11 and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of April 2013  
13 as "Distracted Driving Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.