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MILLARD, SAYLOR AND DEASY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2020

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
SEPTEMBER 25, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of October 18 through 24, 2020, as
2 "National Teen Driver Safety Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death
4 for adolescents and young adults, 15 to 18 years of age, in the
5 United States and many of these deaths are preventable; and

6 WHEREAS, In 2018, there were 2,121 people killed in crashes
7 involving a teen passenger driver of which 719 deaths were the
8 teen driver; and

9 WHEREAS, The crash rate in the United States for teen
10 drivers, based on miles driven, is nearly three times the crash
11 rate for drivers 20 years of age or older; and

12 WHEREAS, In 2018, among teen drivers involved in fatal
13 crashes, almost 10% were reported as distracted at the time of
14 the crash; and

15 WHEREAS, Wearing a seat belt is one of the simplest ways for
16 teens to stay safe; and

1 WHEREAS, Forty-five percent of teen drivers who have died
2 were not wearing a seat belt and 9 out of 10 of the passengers
3 in a teen driver's fatal crash were also not wearing a seat
4 belt; and

5 WHEREAS, More than 28% of all teen drivers of passenger
6 vehicles involved in fatal crashes were speeding at the time of
7 the crash, and males were more likely to be involved in fatal
8 crashes than females; and

9 WHEREAS, It is necessary to explore effective ways to reduce
10 the crash risk for young drivers by focusing research and
11 outreach efforts on areas of teen driving that show the most
12 promise for improving safety; and

13 WHEREAS, The National Young Driver Survey, developed with
14 input from teenagers and administered by the Children's Hospital
15 of Philadelphia, demonstrates a nationwide need to increase
16 overall awareness about the safe use of electronic handheld
17 devices, the risks of nighttime and fatigued driving, the
18 importance of consistent seat belt use and the practice of
19 gradually increasing driver privileges over time as a young
20 driver gains more experience under supervised conditions; and

21 WHEREAS, Recognizing the third week of October as "National
22 Teen Driver Safety Week" is expected to increase awareness of
23 these important issues among teenagers and the adults who care
24 about them in this Commonwealth; and

25 WHEREAS, Avoiding impaired driving helps teens avoid becoming
26 a statistic; therefore be it

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
28 week of October 18 through 24, 2020, as "National Teen Driver
29 Safety Week" in Pennsylvania.