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100th Congress

Joint Resolution

Designating Labor Day Weekend, September 3-5, 1988, as "National Drive for Life Weekend".

Aug. 16, 1988
[S.J. Res. 350]

Whereas drunk-driving is the most frequently committed crime in the United States, with arrests for driving while intoxicated totalling more than three times the number of arrests for all violent crimes combined;

Whereas one individual in the United States was killed every 22 minutes in a drunk-driving related crash in 1987, an average of 65 individuals each day;

Whereas approximately 23,632 individuals were killed in the United States in drunk-driving related crashes in 1987;

Whereas two out of every five individuals in the United States will be involved in a drunk-driving related crash at some point in their lives;

Whereas the estimates of the economic costs of drunk-driving in the United States are as high as $24 billion;

Whereas on October 24, 1987, Mothers Against Drunk Driving and Volkswagen United States, Inc., sponsored the first annual National Drive for Life day;

Whereas Drive for Life is a public awareness campaign which asks all Americans to pledge not to drink and drive on the Drive for Life day and thereby demonstrate a commitment to reduce significantly the tragedies of drunk-driving, and which serves to educate the public about the dangers of drunk-driving;

Whereas on the first annual National Drive for Life day, the toll of individuals killed in drunk-driving related crashes in the United States was 27.5 percent lower than the average number of deaths due to drunk-driving related crashes on an average Autumn Saturday in 1986, reflecting the success of this campaign;

Whereas the first annual National Drive for Life campaign featured endorsements from Nancy Reagan and other prominent public officials; and

Whereas the second annual National Drive for Life day will occur on September 3, 1988, the Saturday of the Labor Day Weekend, when drunk-driving related crashes are traditionally at their peak: Now, therefore, be it

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Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Labor Day Weekend beginning on September 3, 1988, is designated as "National Drive for Life Weekend". The President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to observe that weekend with a pledge to not drink and drive and other appropriate activities.

Approved August 16, 1988.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—S.J. Res. 350 (H.J. Res. 592):

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Aug. 8, considered and passed Senate.
Aug. 9, H.J. Res. 592 considered and passed House; proceedings vacated and S.J. Res. 350 passed in lieu.