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Joint Resolution

Designating Labor Day weekend, September 2 through 4, 1989, as "National Drive for Life Weekend".

Aug. 11, 1989
[S.J. Res. 127]

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

Whereas one individual in the United States was killed every twenty-two minutes in a drunk-driving-related crash in 1988, an average of sixty-five individuals each day;

Whereas more than twenty-three thousand individuals were killed in the United States in drunk-driving-related crashes in 1988;

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 Drive for Life is a public awareness campaign which asks all Americans to pledge to be responsible by driving sober 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 Americans are also asked to turn on their headlights while driving on Drive for Life Day as a remembrance of those killed by drunk driving;

Whereas on the second annual National Drive for Life Day, the toll of individuals killed in drunk-driving-related crashes in the United States was 28.6 per centum lower than the number of deaths due to drunk-driving-related crashes on Labor Day weekend Saturday, in 1987, reflecting the success of this campaign;

Whereas the second annual National Drive for Life campaign featured endorsements from all fifty Governors, more than two hundred and seventy-five mayors, and all fifty State police departments;

Whereas the third annual National Drive for Life Day will occur on September 2, 1989, the Saturday of the Labor Day weekend, when drunk-driving-related crashes are traditionally at their peak: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Labor Day week-

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end beginning on September 2, 1989, 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 be responsible by driving sober and encouraging others to do the same.

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