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H. R. 539

To establish 9–1–1 as the universal emergency assistance number for wireless telecommunications users, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 3, 1999

Ms. DANNER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Commerce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds that—

5 (1) states and localities have adopted different
6 emergency telephone numbers for cellular telephone
7 users seeking emergency assistance;

8 (2) 9–1–1 is used as the emergency assistance
9 number for wire-based telecommunications; and

1 (3) almost one-third of the pedestrian deaths on
2 the Interstate Highway System involve stranded mo-
3 torists who leave their vehicles.

4 **SEC. 2. UNIVERSAL EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER.**

5 (a) DESIGNATION OF UNIVERSAL ASSISTANCE NUM-
6 BER.—The number 9–1–1 is designated as the universal
7 wireless emergency telephone number within the United
8 States.

9 (b) FEDERAL AGENCY USE OF UNIVERSAL ASSIST-
10 ANCE NUMBER.—Any department, agency, officer or in-
11 strumentality of the United States, State or local govern-
12 ment that establishes or operates a wireless communica-
13 tions system for use by the public in whole or in part to
14 report emergencies shall ensure—

15 (1) the system accommodates the number 9–1–
16 1 and;

17 (2) uses the number 9–1–1 for the reporting of
18 emergencies by the public.

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