

108TH CONGRESS  
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# H. RES. 388

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 1, 2003

Mr. RYUN of Kansas submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

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## RESOLUTION

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Whereas traffic fatalities needlessly claim the lives of more than 40,000 Americans each year;

Whereas traffic crashes are the leading cause of death in the United States for people aged 6 to 28 years;

Whereas 63 percent of those killed in traffic crashes are not wearing safety belts;

Whereas roadside hazards, substandard road conditions, and obsolete roadway designs contribute to more than 15,000 highway deaths annually, which represents more than  $\frac{1}{3}$  of all fatal crashes;

Whereas more than 3,000,000 people are injured in traffic crashes in the United States each year;

Whereas there are more than 6,000,000 nonfatal traffic crashes in the United States each year;

Whereas deaths and injuries on highways in the United States cost more than \$230,000,000,000 annually;

Whereas approximately 4,900 pedestrians and 750 bicyclists are killed annually in traffic related crashes;

Whereas safer driving behaviors such as using seat belts, not drinking and driving, and obeying traffic laws need to be encouraged;

Whereas the use of simple, cost-effective roadway safety improvements such as all-weather signing and marking, traffic signals, skid-resistant pavements, and removal of roadside hazards would greatly reduce crashes;

Whereas continued development of safer vehicles, protective equipment, and roadways would reduce traffic-related fatalities and injuries;

Whereas cooperation between Federal, State, and local governments, private entities, and associations is essential to increasing highway safety; and

Whereas the establishment of a “Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day” would encourage safe driving and safe roadway use: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-  
2       resentatives that—

3               (1) “Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day” should  
4       be established; and

5               (2) the President should issue a proclamation  
6       urging the people of the United States and inter-

- 1       sted groups to observe such a day with appropriate
- 2       programs and activities.

