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H. CON. RES. 494

Supporting the goals and ideals of a world day of remembrance for road crash victims.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

September 29, 2006

Mr. Wexler (for himself, Mr. Latourette, Mr. Lantos, Mr. Lewis of Georgia, Ms. McCollum of Minnesota, Mr. Brown of Ohio, Mr. Van Hollen, Mr. Crowley, Mr. Engel, Mr. Serrano, Mr. Hastings of Florida, Mr. Burton of Indiana, Mr. Pallone, Ms. Lee, and Mrs. Lowey) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Supporting the goals and ideals of a world day of remembrance for road crash victims.

- Whereas 40,000 people in the United States, and 1,200,000 people globally, die in road crashes each year;
- Whereas another 20,000,000 to 50,000,000 people globally are injured each year as a result of speeding motor vehicles, the increasing use of motor vehicles, and rapid urbanization;
- Whereas the World Health Organization has predicted that by the year 2020 the annual number of deaths from motor vehicle crashes is likely to surpass the annual number of deaths from AIDS;

Whereas the current estimated cost of motor vehicle crashes worldwide is \$518,000,000,000 annually, representing between 3 and 5 percent of the gross domestic product of each nation;

Whereas over 90 percent of motorist-related deaths occur in low- and middle-income countries;

Whereas according to the World Health Organization motorist-related deaths and costs continue to rise in these countries due to a lack of appropriate road engineering and injury prevention programs in public health sectors; and

Whereas the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution designating the third Sunday of November as a day of remembrance for road crash victims and their families, and called on nations globally to improve road safety: Now, therefore, be it

1 Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate 2 concurring), That Congress—

- (1) supports the goals and ideals of a world day of remembrance for road crash victims; and
- 5 (2) encourages the people of the United States 6 to support and participate in programs and activities 7 to commemorate a world day of remembrance for 8 road crash victims with appropriate ceremonies, pro-9 grams, and other activities.

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