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H. RES. 1696

Supporting the goals and ideals of United Nations General Assembly Resolution A/64/255 declaring a “Decade of Action for Road Safety” for 2011 to 2020.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 29, 2010

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida (for himself, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, and Mr. BURTON of Indiana) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

RESOLUTION

Supporting the goals and ideals of United Nations General Assembly Resolution A/64/255 declaring a “Decade of Action for Road Safety” for 2011 to 2020.

Whereas according to the 2009 Global Status Report on Road Safety, nearly 1,300,000 people globally die in road crashes each year;

Whereas unless immediate action is taken, road traffic injuries are predicted to almost double, killing an estimated 2,400,000 people per year by 2030;

Whereas another 20,000,000 to 50,000,000 people are injured each year globally in motor vehicle crashes, which are expected to increase dramatically;

Whereas road crashes are the leading cause of death globally for people between the ages of 5 and 29 years old;

Whereas nearly 34,000 people died as the result of road traffic injuries last year in the United States, and road crashes are currently the leading cause of death for United States citizens traveling abroad;

Whereas the monetary cost of motor vehicle crashes worldwide is currently estimated at \$518,000,000,000;

Whereas according to the World Health Organization, motorist-related deaths and costs continue to rise in middle and low-income countries;

Whereas it is critical that the international community support collaborative action to enhance global road safety by fostering partnerships and cooperation between governments, the private sector, and civil society, as well as relationships between United States Federal agencies and other national and international road safety authorities;

Whereas the 2009 Moscow Declaration, the result of a United Nations General Assembly resolution creating the first global high-level conference on international road safety, recommended key action steps and urged that the years 2011 to 2020 be designated as the “Decade of Action for Road Safety”;

Whereas in September 2009, the House of Representatives passed H. Con. Res. 74 supporting the goals and ideals of a decade of action for road safety with a target to reduce by 50 percent the predicted increase in global road deaths between 2011 and 2020; and

Whereas the United Nations General Assembly adopted A/Res/64/255 in March 2010, recognizing the social, economic, and health consequences of road crashes on the progress of Millennium Development Goals, reaffirming the need for the further strengthening of international cooperation and knowledge-sharing in road safety, especially taking into account the needs of low-income and middle-income countries, and declaring 2011 to 2020 the “Decade of Action for Road Safety”: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) expresses support for the goals and ideals of
3 United Nations General Assembly Resolution A/64/
4 255 declaring a “Decade of Action for Road Safe-
5 ty”, with a goal to stabilize and reduce the fore-
6 casted level of road traffic fatalities around the
7 world by increasing activities conducted at the glob-
8 al, national, and regional levels;

9 (2) requests that the United States Department
10 of State improve and expand the collection and re-
11 porting of data involving the deaths of United States
12 citizens abroad from road crashes;

13 (3) requests that the Administration continue
14 to improve road safety policies in the United States,
15 particularly in the areas of management, infrastruc-
16 ture, vehicle safety, education, and post-crash care
17 and rehabilitation;

1 (4) requests that the Administration support
2 legislation, policy, and infrastructure developments
3 that reduce key risk factors in road crashes, such as
4 speeding, drunk driving, distracted driving, and the
5 lack of use of helmets, seat belts, child restraints,
6 and other safety devices;

7 (5) encourages the Administration to assist and
8 persuade other nations to adopt these and other
9 road safety measures; and

10 (6) encourages the Administration to take a
11 leading role in implementing the activities of the
12 Decade of Action through increased international co-
13 operation, partnerships, and knowledge-sharing with
14 the public and private sectors regarding road safety.

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