

113TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. RES. 773

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that localities should observe Halloween on the last Saturday of October and communicate to the public that trick-or-treating and other public observances of the holiday will take place on that day.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 8, 2014

Mr. ISRAEL submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

RESOLUTION

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Whereas Halloween is not a federally established holiday and the observance of the holiday is usually set on the local level;

Whereas when Halloween falls on a weekday children will likely trick-or-treat after the sun has set;

Whereas according to a study from the U.S. Department of Transportation, between 2006 and 2010 more people

under the age of 21 were killed in car accidents on October 31 than on October 30 or November 1;

Whereas according to a 2011 survey commissioned by Safe Kids Worldwide, only 37 percent of parents send their children out trick-or-treating with a flashlight, and only 18 percent affix reflective tape to their children's costumes, both of which would make them more visible to motorists;

Whereas observing Halloween on the weekend would allow children to trick-or-treat during the daytime; and

Whereas the last Saturday of October would be the optimal time to observe Halloween: Now, therefore, be it

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

3 (1) observe Halloween on the weekend; and

4 (2) communicate to the public that trick-or-

5 treating and other public observances of the holiday

6 will take place on that day.

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