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HOUSE RESOLUTION 1

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WHEREAS, Distracted driving occurs when motorists engage 2 3 in activities that divert their attention from driving safely; 4 these can include texting, talking on a cell phone, adjusting 5 the radio, and interacting with passengers; and

WHEREAS, Safe driving and public awareness of the dangers 7 associated with distracted driving will result in fewer traffic crashes, fewer injuries, and fewer fatalities; and

WHEREAS, In 2015, distracted driving was a factor in motor vehicle crashes that killed 3,459 people, nationally; and

WHEREAS, Educating and informing the public distracted driving, enhancing public awareness of the dangers associated with driving while distracted, ensuring younger drivers understand the consequences of driving distracted, and obeying established distracted driving traffic laws will reduce the number of fatalities and injuries; and

WHEREAS, The Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police (ILACP), partnering with the American Automobile Association (AAA) and supported by the Illinois State Police, the Illinois Department of Transportation, the Illinois High School & College Driver Education Association (IHSCDEA), local law

- 1 enforcement agencies, and the State's first responders are
- 2 committed to educate Illinois residents on all aspects of
- 3 distracted driving, to enforce applicable State laws and to
- 4 support Illinois Distracted Driving Awareness Week; and
- 5 WHEREAS, The ILACP and the AAA continue to develop
- 6 partnerships designed to create and enhance a strong,
- 7 supportive traffic safety culture throughout Illinois;
- 8 therefore, be it
- 9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
- 10 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
- declare the fourth week of April 2018 as "Illinois Distracted
- 12 Driving Awareness Week"; and be it further
- 13 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
- 14 presented to the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police, the
- 15 American Automobile Association, the Illinois State Police,
- 16 the Illinois Department of Transportation, and the Illinois
- 17 High School & College Driver Education Association.