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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The National Safety Council (NSC) in partnership  
3 with the Illinois Secretary of State (IL SOS) holds that safe  
4 driving is a lifelong journey of learning and skill  
5 development and age alone should not determine driving  
6 ability; and

7 WHEREAS, U.S. Census data shows that while our nation's  
8 demographics are evolving, NSC research demonstrates that age  
9 alone is not a determining factor in driving ability; and

10 WHEREAS, The overall crash rate per 100,000 licensed  
11 drivers steadily decreases as driver age increases; and

12 WHEREAS, NSC supports comprehensive, evidence-based  
13 approaches to traffic safety that focus on actual driving  
14 capabilities rather than demographic factors; and

15 WHEREAS, A 2023 Illinois Department of Transportation  
16 study showed that Illinois drivers 75 and older had lower  
17 crash rates when compared to other age groups; and

18 WHEREAS, In 2024, out of 55,000 Illinois drivers between  
19 79 and 86 who were required to take a behind-the-wheel driver  
20 test, only 97, or 0.17%, failed the test and were denied

1 driver's licenses; and

2 WHEREAS, NSC encourages families to have open, honest  
3 conversations about safe driving with their loved ones,  
4 recognizing that understanding modern vehicle safety features  
5 can help maintain independence while enhancing safety; and

6 WHEREAS, NSC, in partnership with the IL SOS, continues to  
7 advocate for safe driving initiatives that protect all road  
8 users; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
10 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
11 we urge the citizens and licensed drivers of Illinois to  
12 emphasize safe driving by practicing safe driving behaviors  
13 and prioritizing driver improvement and education for  
14 themselves and for their friends and family to eliminate  
15 preventable deaths on our nation's roadways.