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1   HOUSE RESOLUTION

2   WHEREAS, Everyone has an important role to play in
3   increasing road safety; and

4   WHEREAS, Passenger deaths accounted for 25 percent of all
5   traffic fatalities nationwide in 2019; and

6   WHEREAS, Traffic deaths increased 7 percent in 2020 and 18
7   percent in 2021, according to the National Highway Traffic
8   Safety Administration's (NHTSA) preliminary estimates; and

9   WHEREAS, Passenger vehicle occupant deaths rose 5 percent
10   in 2020; and

11   WHEREAS, These historic increases in traffic deaths
12   occurred even though there was a 13 percent decrease in the
13   miles that vehicles traveled; and

14   WHEREAS, NHTSA's data shows that the main behaviors behind
15   these increases were speeding, impaired driving, and failure
16   to wear seat belts; and

17   WHEREAS, Whether a driver is impaired by alcohol or drugs,
18   is speeding, is driving too aggressively, is driving
19   distracted, or is unable to stay awake behind the wheel, bad

1   driving choices put passengers at risk of serious injury or

2   death; and

3   WHEREAS, Many of those lives might have been saved had a

4   passenger in the car insisted that the driver slow down, stop

5   texting, or not get behind the wheel in the first place; and

6   WHEREAS, Passengers, especially teens and young adults,

7   need education and encouragement to empower them to save lives

8   by stopping unsafe driving practices as they happen; and

9   WHEREAS, Parents also need education and encouragement to

10 teach their children about the importance of speaking up or

11 not getting in a car with someone who is drunk, drugged, or

12 distracted; therefore, be it

13   RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE

14 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that

15 we support National Passenger Safety Week, January 23-29,

16 2022, and we encourage passengers in motor vehicles to educate

17 themselves and advocate for their own safety and the safety of

18 others during this week and throughout the year.