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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The reaction time of motorists using cellular 3 phones slows dramatically, increasing the risk of automobile 4 accidents and tying up traffic generally; and

5 WHEREAS, Cell phone distraction causes 2,600 deaths and 6 330,000 injuries in the United States every year; and

7 WHEREAS, The numbers of fatalities and injuries may be 8 higher because data on cell phone use by motorists is limited; 9 and

10 WHEREAS, Increasing cell phone use can be expected to cause 11 the annual death estimate to rise; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, ΒY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ΟF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE 13 14 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that State, county, and municipal law 15 enforcement personnel are requested to include in their police 16 reports of automobile accidents information pertaining to if an accident involved the use of a cellular phone; and be it 17 18 further

19 RESOLVED, That the Department of State Police shall request 20 from State, county, and municipal law enforcement agencies 21 statistics on the use of cellular phones leading to automobile 22 accidents over a one-year period beginning July 1, 2006, and 23 report the findings to the General Assembly no later than 24 December 1, 2007; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Department of State Police and appropriate county and municipal law enforcement agencies.