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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois General Assembly passed Public Act 98-506 to ensure that anyone driving a car is careful, responsive, and alert behind the wheel; and

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WHEREAS, Illinois joined a dozen other states with similar restrictions and will allow drivers to operate under a uniform ban; and

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WHEREAS, Public Act 98-506 provided that Illinois drivers may not operate a motor vehicle on a roadway while using an electronic communication device; and

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WHEREAS, A person who violates Public Act 98-508 will be fined a maximum of \$75 for a first offense, \$100 for a second offense, \$125 for a third offense, and \$150 for a fourth or subsequent offense; and

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WHEREAS, A first offense for driving while using an electronic communication device will not be considered a moving violation; subsequent offences will be considered moving violations and will be recorded on one's driving record; and

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WHEREAS, The new handheld cell phone ban is a primary stop offense, which means that a driver can be stopped without

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1 committing any other violation; and

2 WHEREAS, Public Act 98-506 was an initiative based on the
3 National Transportation Safety Board's recommendation for a
4 nationwide ban on the use of cell phones while driving; and

5 WHEREAS, Other states that have implemented the bans have
6 done research, noting that there may be little difference
7 between drivers who use hand-held cell phones and who use
8 hands-free devices; and

9 WHEREAS, It is important for the Illinois General Assembly
10 to evaluate the impact of legislation to insure the safety of
11 all Illinois drivers; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
13 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
14 urge the Illinois State Police and the Illinois Department of
15 Transportation to study the impact of Public Act 98-506 and to
16 deliver a report to the members of the Illinois House of
17 Representatives by January 1, 2016; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
19 presented to the Secretary of State Police and the Secretary of
20 Transportation.