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Designating the month of December 1993 as “National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month”.

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Mr. MINETA (for himself, Mr. SHUSTER, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. PETRI, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. CLINGER, Mr. APPEGATE, Mr. DE LUGO, Mr. BORSKI, Mr. VALENTINE, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. BOEHLERT, Mr. WISE, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. HAYES, Mr. CLEMENT, Mr. EMERSON, Mr. COSTELLO, Mr. PARKER, Mr. SANGMEISTER, Mr. SWETT, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. CRAMER, Ms. NORTON, Mr. BLACKWELL, Mr. COPPERSMITH, Ms. BYRNE, Ms. DUNN, Ms. DANNER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. CLYBURN, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. LEVY, Mr. DEAL, Mr. BARCIA of Michigan, Mr. BLUTE, Mr. HAMBURG, Mr. TUCKER, Mr. QUINN, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. GOODLING, and Mrs. MORELLA) introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service

JOINT RESOLUTION

Designating the month of December 1993 as “National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month”.

Whereas impaired driving is the most frequently committed violent crime in the United States;

Whereas last year 45 percent of those who died on our Nation's highways were the result of motor vehicle crashes involving alcohol;

Whereas last year nearly 18,000 people were killed and 1,200,000 were injured in motor vehicle crashes involving alcohol;

Whereas impaired driving continues to cost society some \$46,000,000,000 each year in direct costs;

Whereas medical costs associated with impaired driving are approximately \$5,500,000,000 a year;

Whereas injury and property damage resulting from impaired driving cause physical, emotional, and economic hardship for hundreds of thousands of adults and young people;

Whereas the ongoing work of citizen activists groups, such as Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), Students Against Driving Drunk (SADD), Remove Intoxicated Drivers (RID), and the National Commission Against Drunk Driving, continue to promote good prevention efforts which have contributed to a 30 percent reduction in alcohol-related traffic deaths over the past decade;

Whereas a decade of intense public education effort has proved that alcohol-related highway crashes are not accidents and can be prevented;

Whereas comprehensive community-based strategies to further reduce and prevent impaired driving tragedies are known to be effective;

Whereas an increased public awareness of the gravity of the problem of drunk and drugged driving may help to sustain current efforts to develop comprehensive solutions at the State and local levels;

Whereas more than 20 public and private sector organizations have joined together to carry out a nationwide public information, education, and enforcement campaign during the December holiday season;

Whereas the Secretary of Transportation has set a goal to reduce alcohol-related fatalities by 43 percent by the year 1997 and MADD has set a goal to reduce alcohol-related traffic fatalities by 40 percent by the year 2000;

Whereas the Secretary of Health and Human Services has set a goal for all 50 States to prohibit by the year 2000 any allowable blood-alcohol concentration tolerance level for drivers younger than age 21; and

Whereas, since December is a month of many holidays and celebrations, with more drivers on the roads and an increased number of social functions, it is a particularly appropriate time to focus national attention on this critical problem: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That the month of December 1993 is designated as “Na-
4 tional Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month”,
5 and the President is authorized and requested to issue a
6 proclamation calling upon the people of the United States
7 to observe that month with appropriate activities.

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