

107TH CONGRESS
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S. RES. 266

Designating October 10, 2002, as “Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 13 (legislative day, MAY 9), 2002

Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. HELMS, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. MILLER, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. FRIST, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. VOINOVICH, and Mr. JEFFORDS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

OCTOBER 17, 2002

Committee discharged; considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

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Whereas traffic fatalities needlessly claim the lives of more than 40,000 Americans each year;

Whereas traffic crashes are the leading cause of death in the United States for people ages 6 to 28 years;

Whereas 63 percent of those killed in traffic crashes are not wearing safety belts;

Whereas roadside hazards, substandard road conditions, and obsolete roadway designs contribute to more than 15,000 highway deaths annually—nearly $\frac{1}{3}$ of all fatal crashes;

Whereas more than 3,000,000 people are injured in traffic crashes in the United States each year;

Whereas there are more than 6,000,000 nonfatal traffic crashes in the United States each year;

Whereas deaths and injuries on highways in the United States cost society more than \$230,000,000,000 annually;

Whereas approximately 4,900 pedestrians and 750 bicyclists are killed annually in traffic related crashes;

Whereas safer driving behaviors through the use of seat belts, not drinking and driving, and obeying traffic laws need to be encouraged;

Whereas use of simple, cost-effective roadway safety improvements such as all weather signing and marking, traffic signals, skid resistant pavements, and removal of roadside hazards would greatly reduce crashes;

Whereas continued development of ever-safer vehicles, protective equipment, and roadways would reduce traffic-related fatalities and injuries; and

Whereas cooperation between Federal, State, and local governments, private companies, and associations is essential to increasing highway safety: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates October 10, 2002, as “Put the
3 Brakes on Fatalities Day”; and

4 (2) requests that the President issue a procla-
5 mation urging the people of the United States and

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- 1 interested groups to encourage safe driving and
- 2 other roadway use.

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