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# H. CON. RES. 166

Expressing the sense of Congress in support of Buckle Up America Week.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VITTER submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of Congress in support of Buckle Up America Week.

Whereas Buckle Up America is a national campaign that promotes and encourages safety belt and child safety seat use;

Whereas failure to wear safety belts and use child safety seats contributes to more fatalities than any other single traffic safety-related behavior;

Whereas, in 2002, 42,850 people were killed in automobile accidents and 2,914,000 people were injured in such accidents;

Whereas the economic cost to society is estimated at annual cost of non-use at current safety belt usage rates is \$26 billion per year;

Whereas most passenger vehicle occupants killed in motor vehicle crashes continue to be those not restrained by safety belts or child safety seats;

Whereas crashes are the leading killer of all children, including African-American and Hispanic children;

Whereas car crashes are the second leading killer of African-American young men;

Whereas according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, safety belts saved over 11,000 lives in the United States in 2000; and

Whereas educational programs like Buckle Up America Week have increased seat belt usage: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*  
2   *concurring), That it is the sense of Congress that—*

3           (1) all people throughout the Nation should talk  
4           to family and friends about the importance of wear-  
5           ing a safety belt;

6           (2) law enforcement agencies should be com-  
7           mended for their commitment to enforce safety belt  
8           usage laws;

9           (3) national and community agencies and orga-  
10           nizations should be recognized and applauded for  
11           their work in promoting awareness about Buckle Up  
12           America Week;

13           (4) all legislative leaders should participate in  
14           Buckle Up America events; and

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