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

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

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

1 (5) drivers and passengers should insist their
2 fellow automobile passengers wear their safety belt
3 and that all children in the car are buckled up in the
4 appropriate restraint for their age, height, and
5 weight.

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