

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. RES. 373

Supporting the goals and ideals of a National Move Over Law Day.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 10, 2019

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

RESOLUTION

Supporting the goals and ideals of a National Move Over
Law Day.

Whereas the House of Representatives wishes to recognize
tow truck operators (as defined by the Federal Highway
Workers Association Manual of Uniform Traffic Control
Devices) as private sector responders;

Whereas due to the increasingly high rate of distracted driv-
ers on the roadway, many towing operators lose their
lives while performing their duties each year;

Whereas nationally in 2018 the towing industry lost 21 tow-
ers, of which it is aware, to roadside collisions;

Whereas every State has a “move over” law, which has cor-
related directly to a safer environment along our Nation’s
roadsides for towers, law enforcement, first responders,
and stranded citizens;

Whereas these laws generally require motorists to move at least one lane over when there is an emergency or rescue activity taking place on the shoulder or side of the roadway; or, if unable to do so safely, to alternatively slow down and pass the scene with caution; and

Whereas providing the towing industry and law enforcement an enhanced opportunity to inform the motoring public about these laws is critical to the public safety: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) supports the goals and ideals of a National
3 Move Over Law Day;

4 (2) urges the national incident management or-
5 ganizations, as well as State and regional incident
6 management organizations, to spread awareness and
7 promote the existence of, and adherence to, State
8 move over laws; and

9 (3) urges the national incident management or-
10 ganizations, and similar State and regional incident
11 management organizations, to further educate the
12 public on the dangers and loss of life if the provi-
13 sions and requirements of State move over laws are
14 not faithfully observed.

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