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# S. RES. 71

Expressing the sense of the Senate that aliens convicted of drunk driving offenses qualify as a public safety threat for the purposes of immigration enforcement.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 24, 2021

Ms. ERNST (for herself, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mrs. FISCHER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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# RESOLUTION

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Whereas Sarah Root of Council Bluffs, Iowa, died at the hands of a drunk driver who was not lawfully present in the United States;

Whereas the mission of the immigration enforcement process is to ensure the safety of our communities; and

Whereas drunk driving and aliens convicted of drunk driving are a threat to public safety of the United States, and to say otherwise is offensive to both the victims of drunk driving offenses and those who seek to enforce criminal statutes related to drunk driving: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that any  
2 guidance issued by the Department of Homeland Security  
3 or U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement as it re-  
4 lates to immigration enforcement and removal of aliens  
5 should not deprioritize the removal of aliens convicted of—  
6           (1) drunk driving or otherwise driving under  
7       the influence; or  
8           (2) any crime which includes as an element an  
9       act of assault or violence.

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