

111TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

S. RES. 510

Designating April 2010 as “Distracted Driving Awareness Month”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 30, 2010

Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BURRIS, Mr. CASEY, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Ms. SNOWE) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Designating April 2010 as “Distracted Driving Awareness Month”.

Whereas, in 2008, nearly 6,000 people died as a result of accidents involving a distracted driver;

Whereas 21 percent of vehicle crash injuries in 2008 involved distracted driving;

Whereas a 2009 study by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety found that 87 percent of the public considers texting while driving to be a “very serious threat” to their safety;

Whereas 6 States, the District of Columbia, and the United States Virgin Islands have enacted laws banning the use of hand-held cell phones while driving;

Whereas 23 States, the District of Columbia, and Guam have enacted laws banning texting while driving;

Whereas a 2008 study by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration revealed that at any given moment during daylight hours more than 800,000 vehicles are being operated by someone who is using a hand-held cell phone;

Whereas the Department of Transportation has launched distraction.gov, a website devoted to raising awareness and educating the people of the United States about the dangers of distracted driving;

Whereas the Secretary of Transportation, Ray LaHood, convened a 2-day Distracted Driving Summit in September 2009;

Whereas the Department of Transportation and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration have jointly declared April 30, 2010, to be “No Phone Zone Day”; and

Whereas April 2010 would be an appropriate month to designate as National Distracted Driving Awareness Month: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates April 2010 as “Distracted Driving Awareness Month”;

3 (2) encourages all people in the United States
4 to consider the danger to others on the road and
5 avoid distracted driving; and
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- 1 (3) encourages teens, parents, teachers, and
- 2 community leaders to discuss the dangers of dis-
- 3 tracted driving.

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