

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEGER

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To recognize April of 2014 as End Distracted Driving Awareness Month in the state of

3 Louisiana.

4 WHEREAS, the End Distracting Driving (EndDD) Student Awareness Initiative was

5 started by Joel Feldman and his wife Dianne Anderson, founders of the Casey Feldman

6 Memorial Foundation, in an effort to raise awareness of the dangers of distracted driving and

7 to emphasize the importance of focusing full attention on driving safely; and

8 WHEREAS, Joel Feldman dedicated himself to this cause to honor the memory of

9 his late daughter Casey Feldman, a 21-year-old, award-winning student journalist who was

10 a senior at Fordham University in New York City when she was killed by a distracted

11 motorist on July 17, 2009; and

12 WHEREAS, distracted driving kills more than three thousand three hundred people

13 and injures nearly four hundred thousand more each year; EndDD has actively targeted

14 audiences such as students with its Student Awareness Initiative geared to educate and

15 inform drivers about the safety crisis related to distracted driving, its costs, implications, and

16 often fatal consequences; and

17 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Association for Justice attorney members are joining

18 more than eight hundred fifty attorneys, judges, and safety advocates from the United States

19 and Canada, in pledging to give safety presentations on distracted driving to local high

20 schools, community groups, and civic organizations, with a goal to reach more than one

21 hundred thousand drivers and potential drivers each year; and

1 WHEREAS, the Legislature of Louisiana commends the commitment and  
2 accomplishments of the EndDD awareness and educational campaigns initiated by Joel  
3 Feldman and his wife, Dianne Anderson, as well as efforts by the Louisiana Association for  
4 Justice, to bring this campaign to our local schools and communities, as the state strives to  
5 make its roads safer for drivers, passengers, and pedestrians; and

6 WHEREAS, it is proper for the Legislature of Louisiana to commend Joel Feldman  
7 and his wife, Dianne Anderson, as well as the Louisiana Association for Justice, for their  
8 efforts to bring the EndDD Student Awareness Initiative to the state's local schools and  
9 communities, as Louisiana strives to make its roads safer for drivers, passengers, and  
10 pedestrians.

11 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana recognizes the  
12 month of April 2014 as "End Distracted Driving Awareness Month" and encourages all  
13 citizens of the state to educate and inform drivers about the perils of distracted driving.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
15 commend Joel Feldman, Dianne Anderson, and the Louisiana Association for Justice for  
16 their efforts to improve highway safety.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to Joel  
18 Feldman and his wife, Dianne Anderson, and the Louisiana Association for Justice.

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#### DIGEST

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