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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, Distracted driving occurs when motorists engage  
3 in activities that divert their attention from driving safely;  
4 these can include texting, talking on a cell phone, adjusting  
5 the radio, and interacting with passengers; and

6           WHEREAS, Safe driving and public awareness of the dangers  
7 associated with distracted driving will result in fewer traffic  
8 crashes, fewer injuries, and fewer fatalities; and

9           WHEREAS, In 2015, distracted driving was a factor in motor  
10 vehicle crashes that killed 3,459 people, nationally; and

11           WHEREAS, Educating and informing the public about  
12 distracted driving, enhancing public awareness of the dangers  
13 associated with driving while distracted, ensuring younger  
14 drivers understand the consequences of driving distracted, and  
15 obeying established distracted driving traffic laws will  
16 reduce the number of fatalities and injuries; and

17           WHEREAS, The Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police  
18 (ILACP), partnering with the American Automobile Association  
19 and supported by the Illinois Truck Enforcement Association,  
20 the Illinois State Police, the Illinois Department of  
21 Transportation, Safety Serve, local law enforcement agencies,

1 and the State's first responders are committed to educate  
2 Illinois residents on all aspects of distracted driving, to  
3 enforce applicable State laws and to support Illinois  
4 Distracted Driving Awareness Week; and

5 WHEREAS, The ILACP continues to develop partnerships  
6 designed to create and enhance a strong, supportive traffic  
7 safety culture throughout Illinois; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
9 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
10 declare April 24 to 28, 2017 as the inaugural, "Illinois  
11 Distracted Driving Awareness Week"; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
13 presented to the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police, the  
14 American Automobile Association, the Illinois Truck  
15 Enforcement Association, the Illinois State Police, the  
16 Illinois Department of Transportation, and Safety Serve.