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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The reaction time of motorists using cellular
3 phones slows dramatically, increasing the risk of automobile
4 accidents and tying up traffic generally; and

5 WHEREAS, Cell phone distraction causes 2,600 deaths and
6 330,000 injuries in the United States every year; and

7 WHEREAS, The numbers of fatalities and injuries may be
8 higher because data on cell phone use by motorists is limited;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Increasing cell phone use can be expected to cause
11 the annual death estimate to rise; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
13 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
14 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that State, county, and municipal law
15 enforcement personnel are requested to include in their police
16 reports of automobile accidents information pertaining to if an
17 accident involved the use of a cellular phone; and be it
18 further

19 RESOLVED, That the Department of Transportation shall
20 request from State, county, and municipal law enforcement

1 agencies statistics on the use of cellular phones leading to
2 automobile accidents over a two-year period beginning January
3 1, 2012, and report the findings to the General Assembly no
4 later than September 1, 2014; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to the Department of Transportation and appropriate
7 county and municipal law enforcement agencies.