**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE THE CASEY FELDMAN FOUNDATION AND THE SOUTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION FOR JUSTICE FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING WORK IN HELPING PREVENT DISTRACTED DRIVING AND TO DESIGNATE APRIL 2018 AS “END DISTRACTED DRIVING” AWARENESS MONTH IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, the End Distracted Driving (EndDD) Student Awareness Initiative was started by Joel Feldman, founder of the Casey Feldman Memorial Foundation, to raise awareness of the dangers of distracted driving and emphasize the importance of focusing full attention on driving safely; and

Whereas, Joel Feldman has dedicated himself to this cause to honor the memory of his late daughter, Casey Feldman, a twenty‑one‑year‑old award‑winning student journalist, who was a senior at Fordham University in New York City when she was killed by a distracted motorist on July 17, 2009; and

Whereas, distracted driving kills more than five thousand people and injures nearly four hundred fifty thousand more each year, yet it received little public attention until EndDD actively targeted audiences with its Student Awareness Initiative, geared to educate and inform drivers about the safety crisis related to distracted driving, its costs, implications, and often fatal consequences; and

Whereas, the South Carolina Association for Justice’s attorney members are joining more than eight hundred fifty attorneys, judges, and safety advocates from the United States and Canada in pledging to give safety presentations on distracted driving to local high schools, community groups, and civic organizations, with the goal of reaching more than one hundred thousand drivers and potential drivers each year and with the support of 60 for Safety, a group of attorneys committed to increasing safety awareness to prevent injuries or fatalities; and

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly commends the commitment and accomplishments of the EndDD awareness and educational campaigns initiated by Joel Feldman and his wife, Diane Anderson, as well as the efforts of the South Carolina Association for Justice, to bring this campaign to our local schools and communities as we strive to make our roads safer for drivers, passengers, and pedestrians. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, recognize the Casey Feldman Foundation and the South Carolina Association for Justice for their outstanding work in helping prevent distracted driving and designate April 2018 as “End Distracted Driving” Awareness Month in South Carolina.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Casey Feldman Foundation and the South Carolina Association for Justice.

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