

1 HJR372  
2 159922-2  
3 By Representative England  
4 RFD: Rules  
5 First Read: 18-MAR-14

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,  
3                   RECOGNIZING THE CASEY FELDMAN FOUNDATION AND  
4 DESIGNATING APRIL 2014 AS END DISTRACTED DRIVING AWARENESS  
5 MONTH.

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7                   WHEREAS, the End Distracted Driving (EndDD) Student  
8 Awareness Initiative was started by Joel Feldman, founder of  
9 the Casey Feldman Memorial Foundation, in an effort to raise  
10 awareness of the dangers of distracted driving and to  
11 emphasize the importance of focusing full attention on driving  
12 safely; and

13                   WHEREAS, Joel Feldman has dedicated himself to this  
14 cause to honor the memory of his late daughter, Casey Feldman,  
15 a 21-year-old, award winning student journalist, who was a  
16 senior at Fordham University in New York City when she was  
17 killed by a distracted motorist on July 17, 2009; and

18                   WHEREAS, distracted driving kills more than 5,000  
19 people and injures nearly 450,000 more each year, yet, it  
20 received little public attention until EndDD actively targeted  
21 audiences, such as students, with its Student Awareness  
22 Initiative, geared to educate and inform drivers about the  
23 safety crisis related to distracted driving, its costs,  
24 implications, and often fatal consequences; and

1           WHEREAS, the Alabama Association for Justice's  
2 attorney members are joining more than 850 attorneys, judges,  
3 and safety advocates from the United States and Canada in  
4 pledging to give safety presentations on distracted driving to  
5 local high schools, community groups, and civic organizations,  
6 with a goal to reach more than 100,000 drivers and potential  
7 drivers each year, with the support of "60 for Safety," a  
8 group of attorneys committed to increasing safety awareness to  
9 prevent injuries or fatalities; and

10           WHEREAS, the Alabama Legislature commends the  
11 commitment and accomplishments of the EndDD awareness and  
12 educational campaigns initiated by Joel Feldman and his wife,  
13 Diane Anderson, as well as the efforts by the Alabama  
14 Association for Justice, to bring this campaign to our local  
15 schools and communities, as we strive to make our roads safer  
16 for drivers, passengers, and pedestrians; now therefore,

17           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
18 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we recognize the Casey Feldman  
19 Foundation and its successful "End Distracted Driving  
20 Campaign," declaring the month of April 2014 as the "End  
21 Distracted Driving Awareness Month" in the State of Alabama  
22 with preparations commencing immediately.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in  
and was adopted by the House 20-MAR-14.

Jeff Woodard  
Clerk

Senate

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