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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 30

BY SENATOR FRED MILLS

MOTOR VEHICLES. Requests a study to determine if individuals who modify motor vehicles from standard vehicle specifications should be required to obtain certification in defensive driving.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, public safety services, and office of motor vehicles, to conduct a study to determine if individuals who 3 modify motor vehicles from standard vehicle specifications should be required to 4 5 take a defensive driving course and to certify completion of the course to maintain 6 a Louisiana driver's license. 7 WHEREAS, a fatal automobile crash occurred on Louisiana Hwy. 31 in St. Martin 8 Parish at its intersection with Live Oak Circle on August 27, 2019, and tragically took the 9 young life of Phillip "Poppa" Dauterive, III, a 4th grade student at Episcopal School of 10 Acadiana; and 11 WHEREAS, Phillip was a passenger in the back seat of a 2005 Honda Accord driven by his father, who was taking Phillip to Jujitsu practice; and 12 13 WHEREAS, the Accord was headed north on Louisiana Hwy. 31 and was struck 14 head-on by the driver of a "jacked-up" monster truck, a modified Ford F-250 truck, headed south on Louisiana Hwy. 31, that swerved into the left lane attempting to avoid hitting a 15 16 vehicle that was stopped in the southbound lane waiting to make a left hand turn when the F-250 truck hit the Accord head-on; and 17 WHEREAS, the "jacked-up" monster truck impaired the driver's line of site; and 18

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WHEREAS, the operation of motor vehicles modified outside of standard safety specifications contributes to the causes of automobile crashes; and

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WHEREAS, a study of the operational safety of modified motor vehicles is needed to determine if drivers of modified motor vehicles should be educated on their safe operation in the interest of public safety.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, public safety services, and office of motor vehicles, to conduct a study to determine if individuals who modify motor vehicles from standard vehicle specifications should be required to take a defensive driving course and to certify completion of the course to maintain a Louisiana driver's license, and to report its findings and recommendations to the Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works and the House Committee on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works not later than February 1, 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the deputy secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, public safety services, and office of motor vehicles.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Sharon F. Lyles.

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