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H. RES. 364

Expressing support for the goals of Sports Eye Safety Month by promoting the importance of playing sports with the proper protective eyewear.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 5, 2023

Mr. HUDSON submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

RESOLUTION

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Whereas about 30,000 sports-related eye injuries, serious enough to end in a visit to the emergency room, occur each year in the United States, and the majority happen to those under the age of 18;

Whereas sports and recreation activities are associated with approximately one-fourth of all pediatric eye injuries;

Whereas eye injuries can lead to long-term vision impairment and can affect learning, work, and relationships;

Whereas everyday dresswear eyeglasses, sunglasses, and contact lenses do not offer adequate protection to guard against potential sports-related eye injuries, and wearing

protective sports eyewear, such as safety goggles and special protective eyewear designed for specific sports, is as important as putting on other protective gear;

Whereas sports-related eye injuries can be mitigated by use of technology in protective eyewear for specific sports when appropriate;

Whereas individuals who participate in sports, especially school-aged athletes, should ensure their protective eyewear products have undergone the proper testing by an accredited laboratory and meets the current American Society for Testing and Materials safety standard for the selected sport;

Whereas before purchasing prescription protective eyewear, one should consult with an eye care professional to ensure their prescription is up to date;

Whereas more than 90 percent of sports- and recreation-related eye injuries can be prevented by using appropriate eye and facial protection; and

Whereas April is recognized as Sports Eye Safety Month:
Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) supports the goals and ideals of Sports Eye
3 Safety Month;

4 (2) recognizes the importance of healthy vision;
5 and

6 (3) encourages all Americans, especially our
7 youth, to play sports with the proper prescription or
8 nonprescription protective eyewear.