

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 52nd Legislature (2010)

3 HOUSE

4 RESOLUTION 1084

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Resolution designating the month of April as
8 Distracted Driving Awareness Month in Oklahoma; and
9 providing for distribution.

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11 WHEREAS, experience with various highway safety issues, such as
12 drunken driving and seat-belt use, suggests it takes a combination
13 of laws, enforcement and education to change attitudes and save
14 lives; and

15 WHEREAS, reaction times, car following ability, lane control,
16 and driver speed and performance are compromised when cell phones
17 compete for the attention of a driver; and

18 WHEREAS, there were more than 276,000,000 wireless cell phone
19 subscribers in the United States as of June 2009, an increase of
20 forty-two percent (42%) from 194,000,000 in June 2005, and nearly
21 three times more than the 97,000,000 wireless cell phone subscribers
22 in June 2000; and
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1 WHEREAS, over 600,000,000,000 text messages were sent on
2 wireless cell phones in 2008, nearly four times the number of text
3 messages sent in 2006; and

4 WHEREAS, according to the recent National Motor Vehicle Crash
5 Causation Survey, eighty percent (80%) of all traffic incidents and
6 sixty-five percent (65%) of all near-crashes involve some type of
7 driver distraction; and

8 WHEREAS, according to data from the Fatality Analysis Reporting
9 System (FARS), driver distraction was reported to have been involved
10 in sixteen percent (16%) of all fatal crashes in 2008, which is an
11 increase from twelve percent (12%) in 2004.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
13 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

14 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives designates the month
15 of April as "Distracted Driving Awareness Month".

16 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives encourages all people
17 in Oklahoma to consider the lives of others on the road and avoid
18 distracted driving.

19 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to FocusDriven, an
20 advocacy group for victims of motor vehicle crashes involving
21 drivers using cell phones.

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