HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)

ENGROSSED SENATE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 15

By: Paddack, Allen, Anderson, Barrington, Bass, Bice, Bingman, Boggs, Brecheen, Brinkley, Brooks, Brown, Crain, Dahm, David, Fields, Floyd, Ford, Fry, Garrison, Griffin, Halligan, Holt, Jech, Jolley, Justice, Loveless, Marlatt, Matthews, Mazzei, Newberry, Pittman, Quinn, Schulz, Sharp, Shaw, Shortey, Silk, Simpson, Smalley, Sparks, Standridge, Stanislawski, Sykes, Thompson, Treat, Wyrick, and Yen of the Senate

and

Thomsen of the House

A Concurrent Resolution declaring May as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month in the State of Oklahoma; encouraging the motoring public to be more aware of motorcycles; encouraging all riders to seek and receive appropriate training; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, nearly 127,000 of the eight million motorcyclists nationwide are riders in the State of Oklahoma; and

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WHEREAS, motorcycles are a valuable component of the transportation community, as they are fuel-efficient and decrease traffic congestion while having little impact on the state's transportation infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the United States is the world leader in motorcycle safety, promoting education, training, licensing, use of protective gear, and motorcycle awareness; and

WHEREAS, the motorcycling community has committed themselves to decreasing motorcycle crashes and fatalities through training, education, enforcement, and increased public awareness; and

WHEREAS, following proper safety procedures and being cautious of other drivers and riders ensures the safety of Oklahoma's public; and

WHEREAS, approximately 56 people were killed in motorcycle accidents in 2014, a decrease from 92 motorcycle fatalities in 2013. Due to motorcycle safety training, education, and awareness from the Oklahoma Highway Patrol, the Oklahoma Department of Transportation, the Oklahoma Highway Safety Office, the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority, the Edmond and Oklahoma City Police Departments, and ABATE, Oklahoma's number of motorcycle fatalities is decreasing; and

WHEREAS, the National Highway Safety Administration actively promotes Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month, encouraging riders to wear the proper protective and safety gear, never drink and ride,

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have proper licensing, and to seek proper safety training before taking to the road.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 55TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature declares May as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month in the State of Oklahoma.

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature encourages Oklahoma drivers to be more aware of motorcycles.

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature encourages all riders to seek and receive appropriate training.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Oklahoma Department of Public Safety Commissioner, Mike Thompson; Oklahoma Department of Transportation Executive Director, Mike Patterson; Oklahoma Highway Safety Office Director, Garry Thomas; Oklahoma Highway Patrol Chief Colonel, Ricky Adams; and Oklahoma Highway Patrol Captain David Moffit, Interim Troop Commander, Troop MC.

DIRECT TO CALENDAR.

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