

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Each year, drunk driving-related vehicle crashes  
2 claim the lives of more than 10,000 Americans; and

3           WHEREAS, In 2019, over 1,300 drunk driving fatalities were  
4 reported in the state of Texas, a rate higher than the national  
5 average; from 2003 to 2012, more than 13,000 people lost their lives  
6 on Texas roads as a result of alcohol-involved traffic accidents;  
7 and

8           WHEREAS, Although drunk driving continues to jeopardize the  
9 safety of our roadways, recent surveys and statistics have  
10 indicated several positive trends; since 1982, drunk driving  
11 fatalities in the United States have decreased by 52 percent, and in  
12 Texas, alcohol-impaired driving fatalities among people under the  
13 age of 21 have dropped by 15 percent over the last 10 years;  
14 underage drinking in Texas has also declined by a rate of 36 percent  
15 since 2008, with 17 percent of individuals between the ages of 12  
16 and 20 reporting alcohol use in the past month; and

17           WHEREAS, The State of Texas has worked with groups like  
18 Responsibility.org to discourage impaired driving by increasing  
19 the use of DWI courts, law enforcement training, No Refusal  
20 campaigns, ignition interlock devices, and other lifesaving  
21 countermeasures; research has also shown that parents can help  
22 prevent future underage drinking and alcohol abuse by having  
23 ongoing conversations about alcohol with their children, and this  
24 month, state attorneys general and the Texas Alcoholic Beverage

1 Commission are launching campaigns aimed at preventing and curbing  
2 underage drinking; and

3 WHEREAS, For many years, the month of April has been  
4 dedicated to raising awareness about the dangers of alcohol abuse,  
5 and by joining in the observance of Alcohol Responsibility Month,  
6 Texans can do their part to prevent the tragic consequences  
7 associated with drunk driving and underage drinking; now,  
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
10 Legislature hereby recognize April 2021 as Alcohol Responsibility  
11 Month and encourage all Texans to make safe and responsible  
12 choices.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 672 was adopted by the House on April 23, 2021, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House