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H.R. No. 2148

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas Medical Association's Hard Hats for Little
2 Heads program has prevented countless children across the Lone Star
3 State from sustaining serious head injuries; and

4 WHEREAS, Focused on its slogan "Get Moving. Stay Safe. Wear a
5 Helmet.," this program was founded by Dr. Larry Driver in 1994 to
6 promote bicycling safety while also motivating young people to
7 pursue active and healthy lifestyle choices; and

8 WHEREAS, Head injuries are the nation's leading cause of
9 death and permanent disability in bicycle crashes, and every year,
10 26,000 children in the United States suffer traumatic brain damage
11 in such incidents; less than half of youths ages 5 to 14 wear a
12 helmet when they cycle, and many of those who do wear one do so
13 incorrectly; wearing a properly fitted bicycle helmet can reduce
14 the risk of head injury by as much as 85 percent; and

15 WHEREAS, Physicians play a key role in improving health and
16 saving lives by encouraging children to wear well-fitted protective
17 helmets when participating in wheeled sports and recreation, such
18 as roller-skating, skateboarding, and riding nonmotorized
19 scooters, as well as bicycling; through the Hard Hats program, more
20 than 1,500 doctors, medical students, and other volunteers have
21 sponsored helmet giveaways, and during its 20th anniversary year in
22 2014, the initiative distributed a record number of 36,825 helmets,
23 including its 200,000th overall; and

24 WHEREAS, April has been designated as Child Safety Month in

1 Texas, which provides a fitting opportunity to raise awareness
2 about this serious issue and to recognize the outstanding efforts
3 of all those associated with the Hard Hats for Little Heads program;
4 now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
6 Legislature hereby recognize April 30, 2015, as Hard Hats for
7 Little Heads Day at the State Capitol and extend to all those
8 associated with the program sincere best wishes for continued
9 success; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for Dr. Driver and the staff of the program as an
12 expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.