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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Across the nation, April 2018 is being observed as
2 Distracted Driving Awareness Month; and

3 WHEREAS, Created by the National Safety Council, the campaign
4 aims to tackle the growing problem of distracted driving, which
5 encompasses such risky actions as talking on a cell phone, texting,
6 eating, or grooming while behind the wheel; and

7 WHEREAS, Each year, more than 100,000 automobile crashes in
8 Texas involve distracted driving; a survey conducted by the Texas
9 A&M Transportation Institute revealed that 38 percent of Texas
10 motorists talk on their cell phones at least some of the time while
11 driving, and more than 21 percent of drivers read or send text
12 messages or e-mails; and

13 WHEREAS, According to the National Safety Council and the
14 National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the last two years
15 have seen the largest percentage increase in traffic fatalities in
16 the United States in 51 years; while multiple factors contribute to
17 traffic deaths, the risk of distracted driving due to technology is
18 growing; and

19 WHEREAS, Increased public awareness of these dangers is key
20 to reducing incidents of distracted driving, and the monthlong
21 observance in April is an opportunity for Texans to affirm their
22 commitment to making our roadways safer for all; now, therefore, be
23 it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas

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1 Legislature hereby recognize April 2018 as Distracted Driving
2 Awareness Month in Texas and encourage residents of the Lone Star
3 State to support this worthwhile event.