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H.C.R. No. 136

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Texas is ranked among the worst states in the
2 country for motorists who are injured or killed in alcohol-related
3 vehicular crashes; and

4 WHEREAS, In 2013, Texas counted more than 1,300 deaths caused
5 by drunk drivers, the highest number in the nation; this total
6 reflected almost 40 percent of all traffic deaths in the state, a
7 3.6 percent increase over the previous year; and

8 WHEREAS, Each year, there are thousands of non-fatal
9 alcohol-related crashes as well; there were more than 25,000 in
10 Texas in 2013 alone that involved a driver with a blood alcohol
11 concentration of .01 or higher; these resulted in nearly 16,000
12 injuries; that year, law enforcement officers made almost 100,000
13 DWI arrests, resulting in over 71,000 convictions; and

14 WHEREAS, The lives and continued well-being of thousands of
15 Texans are at stake, and it is vital that evidence-based measures be
16 taken to reduce the incidence of alcohol-related crashes; now,
17 therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the 86th Legislature of the State of Texas
19 hereby request the lieutenant governor and the speaker of the House
20 of Representatives to provide for a joint interim study regarding
21 driving while intoxicated and driving under the influence
22 incidents, including examination of mortality rates, accidents,
23 rates of intoxication, and the effectiveness of increased penalties
24 for DWI/DUI offenses; and, be it further

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1 RESOLVED, That a full report, including findings and
2 recommendations, be submitted to the 87th Texas Legislature before
3 it convenes in January 2021.