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H.R. No. 1158

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The observance of National Child Passenger Safety  
2 Week from September 15 to 21, 2019, and of National Seat Check  
3 Saturday on September 21 provides an opportunity for parents and  
4 caregivers across the country to learn how to better protect  
5 children while riding in vehicles; and

6           WHEREAS, Automobile crashes are a leading cause of death for  
7 children; in 2016, approximately two children under the age of 13  
8 were killed each day, and Texas experienced the highest number of  
9 child motor vehicle fatalities in the United States; according to  
10 the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration for that year,  
11 38 percent of child passengers killed in fatal crashes were  
12 unrestrained; and

13           WHEREAS, Proper use of car seats, boosters, and seat belts  
14 can make a significant difference in preventing vehicle-related  
15 deaths and injuries; the NHTSA estimates that when used correctly  
16 in passenger cars, safety seats reduce the risk of fatal injury by  
17 71 percent for infants and by 54 percent for toddlers; and

18           WHEREAS, Sponsored by NHTSA, National Child Passenger Safety  
19 Week and National Seat Check Saturday were created to help bring  
20 attention to the importance of using the correct car seat for a  
21 child's age, weight, and height; by encouraging businesses across  
22 the country to offer free safety seat inspections, the campaign  
23 also helps to educate parents and caregivers on how to properly  
24 install seats; and

1           WHEREAS, Increased public awareness about car safety is key  
2 to reducing the incidence of child injury and death, and the  
3 observance of National Child Passenger Safety Week and National  
4 Seat Check Saturday calls much-needed attention to this important  
5 issue; now, therefore, be it

6           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
7 Legislature hereby recognize September 15-21, 2019, as National  
8 Child Passenger Safety Week and September 21 as National Seat Check  
9 Saturday.