

Reps. Farhat, Hildenbrand, Marleau, Emmons, Palmer, Gosselin, Pavlov, Proos, Booher, Nitz, Hansen, Jones, Steil, Baxter, Huizenga, Acciavatti, Miller, Gleason, Newell, Gaffney, Hune, Brown, Adamini, Hood, Murphy, Casperson, Pearce, Kahn, Shaffer, Clemente, Hummel, Pastor, Brandenburg, Amos, Moolenaar, Ball, Mortimer, Schuitmaker, Bennett, Bieda, Nofs, Vander Veen, Meyer, Kolb, Polidori, Plakas, Farrah, Accavitti and Meisner offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 233.

A resolution proclaiming July 10 - 15, 2006, as Road Rage Awareness Week in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Reaching Out Against Road Rage (R.O.A.R.R.), is a non profit organization located in Muskegon County. Its mission is the three P's: Prevention of road rage, Protection and support of victims against road rage, and Prolonging of life by saving lives; and

Whereas, To achieve this mission, R.O.A.R.R. is promoting awareness and education on the prevention of road rage. It is working to reduce the number of incidents and advocating support and assistance to victims and their families in their recovery process; and

Whereas, The National Highway Traffic and Safety Administration (NHTSA) defines road rage as "...an assault with a motor vehicle or other dangerous weapon by the operator or passenger(s) of another motor vehicle or an assault precipitated by an incident that occurred on a roadway."; and

Whereas, A study done by the AAA Foundation indicates an average of a least 1,500 men, women, and children are injured or killed each year in the United States from the violent acts of road rage; and

Whereas, The people of Michigan understand that to solve a problem, we must first be aware of the problem. Road rage is a growing problem in Michigan, as well as in our country; and

Whereas, We recognize that both younger and older drivers face roads of death because of rage in other drivers and themselves. We must stop deaths, injuries, and mental anguish and work together as a community and reprogram the destructive attitudes and behaviors that cause road rage; now therefore be it

Resolved be the House of Representatives, That members of this legislative body proclaim July 10 – 15, 2006, as Road Rage Awareness Week in the state of Michigan. We promote the prevention of a dysfunctional act, which will improve traffic safety throughout the state of Michigan; and be it further

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the people of the state of Michigan are partnered with the organization R.O.A.R.R., with its Board of Directors, and its president, Kay Shabazz, in bringing closure through an "Awareness Campaign" to the escalating road rage problem.