

Rep. Garrett offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 456.

A resolution to declare December 24-31, 2018, as Holiday Driver's Safety Awareness Week in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, According to the Commercial Vehicle of Safety Alliance, a total of 3,852 people died in large truck crashes in 2015. Sixteen percent of these deaths were truck occupants, 69 percent were occupants of cars and other passenger vehicles. Many of those accidents are the direct result of the drivers – both truck and bus drivers, as well as the passenger-vehicle drivers operating unsafely around them; and

Whereas, According to Ezine articles, every year during the holiday season, television, radio, newspapers and others talk a lot about the hazards of drunk driving and remind us to be careful. Extra police are on the streets and many cities set up sobriety checkpoints to catch drunk drivers on nights when there are likely to be more parties; and

Whereas, This extra focus reduces the number of alcohol-related traffic accidents and makes all of us safer on the road during the holidays. However, drunk drivers aren't the only hazard on the road during the holidays. While most of us would never dream of getting behind the wheel drunk, we could still be creating serious dangers without thinking about it; and

Whereas, During this holiday season, as Ezine articles acknowledge, the distraction of juggling normal responsibilities with shopping, parties, and extra school events can make a normally safe driver a literal wreck. Even if you are always calm and collected, remember that other drivers may be more on edge than usual and take these precautions; and

Whereas, The National Safety Council reports that cell phone use while driving leads to 1.6 million crashes each year. Nearly 390,000 injuries occur each year from accidents caused by texting while driving. 1 out of every 4 car accidents in the United States is caused by texting and driving; and

Whereas, The state of Michigan cares about the safety of its residents and drivers; and joins the Commercial Vehicle of Safety Alliance and other interested agencies and organizations in urging Michigan residents to be careful driving during this holiday season; and

Whereas, It is encouraged that during the festive times of holidays, that drivers enjoy the splendor and beauty of our Pure Michigan without incident, accident or fatality; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare December 24-31, 2018, as Holiday Driver's Safety Awareness Week in the state of Michigan. We urge all citizens to observe this momentous occasion.