

1 A RESOLUTION acknowledging the contributions of Joel Feldman and the
2 Kentucky Justice Association, and recognizing April as National Distracted Driving
3 Awareness Month.

4 WHEREAS, nearly 4,000 people are killed and another 421,000 are injured each
5 year as a result of distracted driving-related traffic crashes across the nation; and

6 WHEREAS, in 2015, the Commonwealth of Kentucky experienced more than
7 53,500 crashes, which resulted in 169 fatalities and in excess of 14,000 injuries, due to
8 distracted driving; and

9 WHEREAS, a driver is 23 times more likely to crash while text messaging than
10 when he or she is driving undistracted; and

11 WHEREAS, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that driver
12 distraction is the primary cause of 18 percent of all fatal crashes; and

13 WHEREAS, a nationwide survey by the Centers for Disease Control found 69
14 percent of drivers ages 18-64 reported that they talked on their phone while driving; and

15 WHEREAS, in 2009, Joel Feldman's 21-year-old daughter, Casey, was killed by a
16 distracted driver. Since then, Mr. Feldman has sought to change drivers' attitudes and
17 behaviors, and to raise awareness of the dangers of distracted driving; and

18 WHEREAS, Joel Feldman has given more than 500 presentations across the
19 country about distracted driving and the dire consequences it can bring about; and

20 WHEREAS, Joel Feldman is the co-founder of EndDD.org, which was created to
21 save lives from distracted driving through advocacy, education, and action; and

22 WHEREAS, EndDD.org has a network of 500 speakers and has organized talks to
23 more than 400,000 students nationwide; and

24 WHEREAS, the Kentucky Justice Association is partnering with EndDD.org to
25 give distracted driving safety presentations to high school students in the Commonwealth
26 in an effort to prevent injuries and fatalities as a result of distracted driving; and

27 WHEREAS, April is National Distracted Driving Awareness Month; and

1 WHEREAS, in recognition of this event, and in rightful appreciation for the work
2 of Joel Feldman, EndDD.org, and the Kentucky Justice Association, this august body
3 commends Mr. Feldman and his organization for all they have done to make our roads
4 safer and to educate drivers about the dangers of distracted driving;

5 NOW, THEREFORE,

6 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the*
7 *Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

8 ➔Section 1. The members of the House of Representatives hereby recognize Joel
9 Feldman and the Kentucky Justice Association.

10 ➔Section 2. The members of the House of Representatives recognize April as
11 National Distracted Driving Awareness Month.

12 ➔Section 3. When the House of Representatives adjourns this day, it does so in
13 honor of Joel Feldman and the Kentucky Justice Association.

14 ➔Section 4. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
15 copy of this Resolution to Representative Chad McCoy.