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DESIGNATING JULY 1 EACH YEAR AS CAR SURFING DEATH
AWARENESS DAY.

WHEREAS, car surfing involves the dangerous riding
on the outside of a moving vehicle being driven by another
person; the car surfer may be hitching the ride on any part of
the exterior, including the roof, rear, hood, side of the
vehicle, or may be towed by holding onto the moving vehicle
riding on a skateboard, bicycle, or other item; and

WHEREAS, the risks associated with this dangerous
behavior result in numerous injuries and deaths annually;
traumatic brain injury is the most common type of injury due
to the nature of an unprotected fall from a moving vehicle
onto pavement or asphalt; and

WHEREAS, for the car surfer, the unique thrill of
the ride and the infamy of the social media posts on YouTube
and elsewhere seem to be worth the recklessness of this
behavior; and

1 WHEREAS, young Chase Davis of Columbiana died on
2 July 1, 2017, as a result of an accident caused by car
3 surfing; and

4 WHEREAS, the public, particularly young residents,
5 should be mindful of the dangers of car surfing; now
6 therefore,

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
8 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That in memory of the life of Chase
9 Davis, as a continuing memorial to the many other loved ones
10 who have suffered the same fate, and as an annual reminder of
11 the tragic consequences of car surfing, July 1 each year is
12 hereby designated as Car Surfing Death Awareness Day in
13 Alabama in hopes of increasing the public's awareness of the
14 dangers of car surfing and preventing injuries and deaths
15 caused by this dangerous behavior.