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3 By Representatives Hurst, Oliver, Scott and Wood (R)  
4 RFD: Rules  
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URGING ALABAMA HIGH SCHOOLS AND ALABAMA PUBLIC  
TELEVISION TO SHOW DEFENSIVE DRIVING VIDEOS.

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease  
Control and Prevention, motor vehicle crashes are the second  
leading cause of death for teens in the United States; an  
average of seven teens die in a car crash every day; and

WHEREAS, according to the Alabama Department of  
Public Health, Alabama has the second highest rate of teen  
driver fatalities; and

WHEREAS, teen drivers 16 through 19 years of age are  
nearly three times more likely than older drivers to be in a  
fatal crash; and

WHEREAS, according to Drive Safe Alabama, 932 people  
were killed in car crashes in Alabama in 2020; and

WHEREAS, according to the Alabama Department of  
Transportation, drivers in Alabama have at least a one in  
three chance of involvement in an injury or fatal crash  
operating a vehicle over their lifetime; and

1               WHEREAS, defensive driving courses teach safe  
2     driving techniques and help drivers maintain better control of  
3     their vehicle in emergency situations; and

4               WHEREAS, Alabama Public Television works to provide  
5     essential educational services to the state; now therefore,

6               BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
7     HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we urge Alabama Public  
8     Television and all high schools in the state, in partnership  
9     with Alabama Public Television, to regularly screen traffic  
10    safety videos that teach the principles of defensive driving  
11    to high school students, teenagers, and the public at large in  
12    order to educate drivers and improve public safety. Upon its  
13    passage, a copy of this resolution shall be given to the  
14    Director of Alabama Public Television and the Alabama State  
15    Board of Education.