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4 RFD: Rules
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8 URGING ALABAMA HIGH SCHOOLS AND ALABAMA PUBLIC
9 TELEVISION TO SHOW DEFENSIVE DRIVING VIDEOS.

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

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

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

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

23 WHEREAS, according to the Alabama Department of
24 Transportation, drivers in Alabama have at least a one in
25 three chance of involvement in an injury or fatal crash
26 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.