



## **H.Con.Res. 87 - Supporting the goals and ideals of a world day of remembrance for road crash victims**

### **Floor Situation**

H.Con.Res. 87 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Robert Wexler (D-FL) on March 8, 2007. The bill was referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and was passed by a voice vote.

The bill is expected to be considered on the floor on July 16, 2007.

### **Summary**

H.Con.Res. 87 sets aside the third Sunday of November (designated by the United Nations) as a day of remembrance for road crash victims and their families, and calls on nations globally to improve road safety. It also encourages the United States to support and participate in programs and activities to commemorate a world day of remembrance for road crash victims with appropriate ceremonies, programs, and other activities.

### **Background**

40,000 people in the United States, and 1,200,000 people globally, die in road crashes each year and another 20,000,000 to 50,000,000 people globally are injured each year. This is a result of speeding motor vehicles, and the increasing use of motor vehicles. The World Health Organization has predicted that by the year 2020 the annual number of deaths from motor vehicle crashes is likely to surpass the annual number of deaths from AIDS.

The current estimated cost of motor vehicle crashes worldwide is \$518,000,000,000 annually, representing between 3 and 5 percent of the gross domestic product of each nation. Over 90 percent of motorist-related deaths occur in low and middle income countries.

### **Cost**

This bill has not been scored by the Congressional Budget Office.

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