

By Senator Lawson

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing the week of September 1-7, 2009, as "Drowsy Driver Prevention Week" in Florida.

WHEREAS, a 2008 Sleep in America Poll reported that 32 percent of Americans reported driving while drowsy at least once per month in the previous year, and

WHEREAS, among Americans who drive, 36 percent have reported nodding off or falling asleep while driving, and

WHEREAS, drowsy driving is a silent killer that has resulted in thousands of injuries and deaths that were otherwise preventable, and

WHEREAS, the incidence of drowsy driving can be reduced by educating drivers of the risks of driving without adequate amounts of rest, and

WHEREAS, many Florida residents die each year from crashes that are related to drowsy, fatigued driving, including 8-year-old Ronshay Dugans, who died when a cement truck driven by a drowsy driver overturned on the bus she was riding in Tallahassee on September 5, 2008, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

That the week of September 1-7, 2009, is recognized as "Drowsy Driver Prevention Week" in Florida and all residents are encouraged to remember those Floridians who have died in collisions related to drowsy driving.