

HR 9137

2009

House Resolution

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

WHEREAS, a 2009 Sleep in America Poll reported that 28
percent of Americans reported driving while drowsy at least once
per month in the past year, and

WHEREAS, among Americans who drive, 28 percent have
reported nodding off or falling asleep while driving, 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 House of Representatives 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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
presented to the family of Ronshay Dugans as a tangible token of
the sentiments expressed herein.