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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
June 24, 1976

ACTION
Last Day: June 30

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MEMORANDUM FOR
FROM:
SUBJECT:

THE PRESIDENT

JIM CANNON

Enrolled Resolution H.J. Res. 726
National Bicentennial Highway
Safety Year

Attached for your consideration is H.J. Res. 726, sponsored by Representative Harsha and 24 others.

The enrolled resolution would authorize and request you to issue a proclamation designating the twelve months following enactment as National Bicentennial Highway Safety Year. Each month of the year, beginning with July, 1976, would focus upon a specific facet of highway safety.

Additional information is provided in OMB's enrolled bill report at Tab A.

OMB, Max Friedersdorf, Counsel's Office (Lazarus), Ted Marrs and I recommend approval of the enrolled resolution and the attached proclamation which has been cleared by the White House Editorial Office (Smith).

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign H.J. Res. 726 at Tab B.

That you sign the proclamation at Tab C.



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Re Milt Mitler's comment about a signing ceremony. Bill Nicholson says there is not enough time and Judy Hope does not feel it is important to have one. Milt is not going to push for a ceremony.

Judy 6/25



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

JUN 23 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Enrolled Resolution H.J. Res. 726 - National
Bicentennial Highway Safety Year
Sponsor - Rep. Harsha (R) Ohio and 24 others

Last Day for Action

June 30, 1976 - Wednesday

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Agency Recommendations

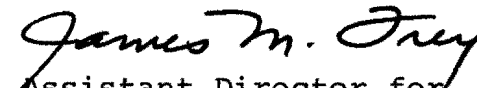
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National Transportation Safety Board	Approval
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GENERAL COUNSEL

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20590

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Honorable James T. Lynn
Director
Office of Management and Budget
Washington, D.C. 20503

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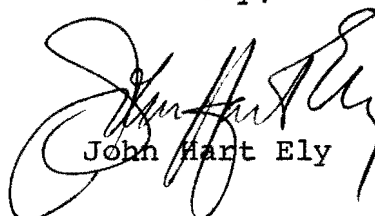
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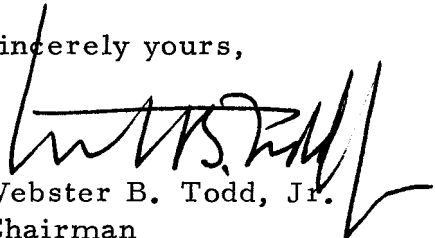
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Webster B. Todd, Jr.
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cc: Honorable Warren G. Magnuson
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The ARBA has no objection to the approval by the
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In the Spirit of '76,

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Eugene J. Skora
General Counsel



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

To
J. Cannon
6-23-76
5:30 p.m.

JUN 23 1976

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6/24 - 11:50 am

THE WHITE HOUSE

ACTION MEMORANDUM

WASHINGTON

LOG NO.:

Date: June 24

Time: 1100am

FOR ACTION: Judy Hope
Ted Marrs
Milt Mitler
Max Friedersdorf
Ken Lazarus
Robert Hartmann

cc (for information): Jack Marsh
Jim Cavanaugh
Ed Schmults

FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date: June 25

Time: 1100am

SUBJECT:

H.J. Res. 726 - National Bicentennial Highway Safety Year

ACTION REQUESTED:

- For Necessary Action
- For Your Recommendations
- Prepare Agenda and Brief
- Draft Reply
- For Your Comments
- Draft Remarks

REMARKS:

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6/24 - sent copy for researching. mm

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For the President



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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

~~Hundreds~~ of ^Millions of Americans - men, women, and children - are planning to see and participate in Bicentennial activities, ~~along with~~ ^An expected twenty million visitors from abroad *will also participate.*

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NOW, THEREFORE, I, GERALD R. FORD, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim that the twelvemonth period beginning the month of July 1976 is designated as National Bicentennial Highway Safety Year.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this day of , in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundredth.



OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20590

GENERAL COUNSEL

JUN 21 1976

Honorable James T. Lynn
Director
Office of Management and Budget
Washington, D.C. 20503

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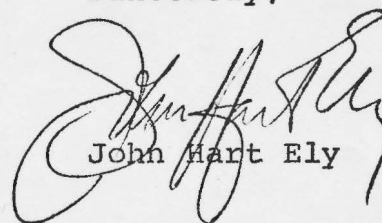
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6/24 - 11:50 am

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ACTION MEMORANDUM

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FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

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RETURN TO RESEARCH
ROOM 128

DUE: Date: June 25

*to DJS
6/25 10:00
GAMS*

Time: 1100am

SUBJECT:

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Secretary
Mr. Hoskins
(312) 527-4800
Nat'l Safety Council
Unk deaths -
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P. 364 1976
World Almanac*

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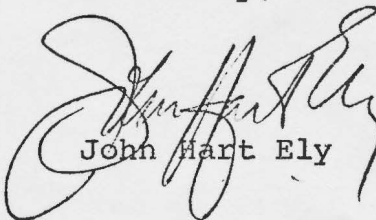
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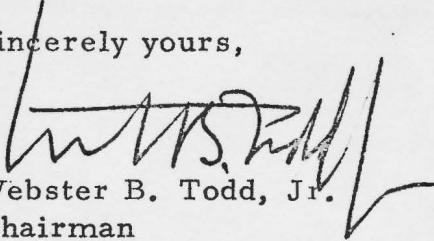
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Judy -

THIS BILL SEEMS TO HAVE A FAIR DEGREE OF PUBLIC SUPPORT - EVIDENCE, SIGNED PETITIONS. IF POSSIBLE, A SIGNING CEREMONY WOULD BE APPROPRIATE. THERE IS A NATIONAL ORGANIZATION INVOLVED - "CITIZENS FOR HIGHWAY SAFETY".

True

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James M. Cannon
For the President

THE WHITE HOUSE

ACTION MEMORANDUM

WASHINGTON

LOG NO.:

Date: June 24

Time: 1100am

FOR ACTION: Judy Hope
Ted Marrs
Milt Mitler
Max Friedersdorf
Ken Lazarus
Robert Hartmann

cc (for information): Jack Marsh
Jim Cavanaugh
Ed Schmults

FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date: June 25

Time: 1100am

SUBJECT:

H.J. Res. 726 - National Bicentennial Highway Safety Year

ACTION REQUESTED:

For Necessary Action

For Your Recommendations

Prepare Agenda and Brief

Draft Reply

For Your Comments

Draft Remarks

REMARKS:

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No objection -- Ken Lazarus 6/24/76

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WASHINGTON

June 25, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: JIM CAVANAUGH
FROM: MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF *M.L.F.*
SUBJECT: HJRes. 726 - National Bicentennial Highway
Safety Year

The Office of Legislative Affairs concurs with the agencies
that the subject resolution be approved

Attachments

NATIONAL BICENTENNIAL HIGHWAY SAFETY YEAR

MARCH 30, 1976.—Referred to the House Calendar and order to be printed

Mrs. SCHROEDER, from the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service,
submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H.J. Res. 726]

The Committee on Post Office and Civil Service, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 726) to authorize and request the President to issue a proclamation designating 1976 as "National Bicentennial Highway Safety Year", having considered the same, report favorably thereon with amendments and recommend that the joint resolution as amended do pass.

The amendments are as follows:

Strike out all after the resolving clause and insert the following:

That the President is hereby authorized and requested to issue a proclamation designating the 12-month period commencing with the calendar month beginning after the date of the enactment of this Act as the "National Bicentennial Highway Safety Year" and call upon all Americans, in all walks of life, in both the public and private sectors, to participate in programs and activities conducted in connection with such year; be it further

Resolved, That it is the sense of Congress that—

(1) each month of the National Bicentennial Highway Safety Year shall focus on a specific area of activity which offers the prospect of achieving substantial reductions in accidents, injuries, and fatalities on our Nation's highways during the Nation's Bicentennial celebration and in succeeding years, as follows:

- (A) January—Safety Education;
- (B) February—Safer Bridges;
- (C) March—Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety;
- (D) April—Pavement Marking and Delineation;
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- (L) December—Alcohol and Problem Drinkers; and

(2) the projects and programs of the National Bicentennial Highway Safety Year shall be formulated so as to involve individuals, groups, and public and private sector organizations where they live, where they work, where they travel, and where they operate in order that the lifesaving aims,

goals, and priorities of the National Bicentennial Highway Safety Year may be vigorously pursued and fully realized; and be it further

Resolved, That the lives saved and injuries prevented through this national effort shall symbolize the rededication of the American people to living and working together in a spirit of mutual cooperation, harmony, dignity, and respect in order to achieve better, healthier, happier lives for all.

Amend the title so as to read:

Joint resolution to authorize and request the President to establish a "National Bicentennial Highway Safety Year."

COMMITTEE ACTION

H.J. Res. 726 was reported by the Post Office and Civil Service Committee by unanimous voice vote on March 18, 1976, after the sponsor of the resolution met the Committee's criteria for commemorative legislation by obtaining the support of a majority of the members of the House of Representatives.

STATEMENT

During this bicentennial year, millions of Americans will be making many highway trips to see and participate in bicentennial activities. As a result, there could be a dramatic increase in the number of individuals who might be killed or maimed in highway accidents.

The goal of H.J. Res. 726 is to draw public attention to the importance of highway safety and to provide a focus for action at all levels for citizen involvement in the effort to reduce highway accidents. Each month of the bicentennial year will focus on a different aspect of highway safety—such as pedestrian and bicycle safety, the elimination of roadside obstacles, safer bridges, and promoting children's safety—in which significant safety gains need to be made. These monthly campaigns will be jointly sponsored by interested companies and industries, labor organizations, churches, civic and service groups and individuals. The goal will be to avoid the loss of some 10,000 lives and prevent 100,000 injuries in 1976 and to continue this safety program in future years.

COSTS

No cost would be incurred by passage of this legislation.

COMPLIANCE WITH CLAUSE 2(1)(3) OF RULE XI

With respect to the requirement of Clause 2(1)(3) of Rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives—

(A) The Subcommittee on Census and Population is vested under the Committee Rules with legislative and oversight jurisdiction and responsibility over the subject matter of H.J. Res. 726 and made no specific findings and recommendations in connection with its oversight responsibilities on this resolution;

(B) The measure does not provide new budget authority or new or increased tax expenditures within the meaning of section 3 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, and thus a statement required by section 308(a) of that Act is not necessary;

(C) No estimate or comparison of costs has been received by the Committee from the Director of the Congressional Budget

Office, pursuant to section 403 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974; and

(D) The Committee has received no report from the Committee on Government Operations of oversight findings and recommendations arrived at pursuant to Clause 2(b)(2) of Rule XI.

INFLATIONARY IMPACT STATEMENT

Pursuant to Clause 2(1)(4) of Rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee has concluded that since no costs will be incurred under H.J. Res. 726, no inflationary impact on prices and costs in the operation of the national economy will occur.

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Ninety-fourth Congress of the United States of America

AT THE SECOND SESSION

*Begun and held at the City of Washington on Monday, the nineteenth day of January,
one thousand nine hundred and seventy-six*

Joint Resolution

To authorize and request the President to establish a "National Bicentennial Highway Safety Year".

Whereas 1976 will mark the two hundredth anniversary of the founding of our Nation; and
Whereas the President of the United States has called for the Bicentennial celebration to be an occasion for redefining and rededicating ourselves to our common purposes; and
Whereas a central and unifying theme for the Nation's two hundredth commemoration is improving the quality of life in America; and
Whereas the carnage on our highways each year exacts an appalling toll in lives, injuries, and national treasure; and
Whereas the two million Americans who have died on the Nation's highways since the beginning of the automobile age far exceed the combined totals of all the fatalities suffered in all the wars that this country has fought since its founding; and
Whereas hundreds of millions of Americans—men, women, and children—are planning to see and participate in Bicentennial activities; and
Whereas twenty million visitors from abroad are expected to travel to this country in order to join in our Bicentennial celebration; and
Whereas the overwhelming majority of those participating in Bicentennial related activities will travel on the Nation's roadways; and
Whereas emphasis on highway safety during our Nation's two hundredth anniversary is absolutely essential to assure that 1976 does not become a year of unparalleled carnage and slaughter; and
Whereas the Congress of the United States has provided the legislative mandate and the financial means for substantially reducing highway accidents, injuries, and fatalities: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President is hereby authorized and requested to issue a proclamation designating the twelve-month period commencing with the calendar month beginning after the date of the enactment of this Act as the "National Bicentennial Highway Safety Year" and call upon all Americans, in all walks of life, in both the public and private sectors, to participate in programs and activities conducted in connection with such year: Be it further

Resolved, That it is the sense of Congress that—

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Speaker of the House of Representatives.

*Vice President of the United States and
President of the Senate.*

Office of the White House Press Secretary

THE WHITE HOUSE

NATIONAL BICENTENNIAL HIGHWAY SAFETY YEAR, 1976

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

Millions of Americans -- men, women, and children -- are planning to see and participate in Bicentennial activities. An expected twenty million visitors from abroad will also participate.

The overwhelming majority of those involved in Bicentennial related activities will travel on the Nation's roadways. Since the beginning of the automobile age, over two million Americans have died on our Nation's highways. This exceeds the combined total of all the fatalities suffered in all the wars that this country has fought since its founding.

The Congress has requested (H.J. Res. 726) that the necessity for highway safety be recognized by Presidential proclamation so that our Bicentennial year does not become one of unparalleled carnage and slaughter on the highways.

The Congress has further requested that all Americans participate in monthly safety programs during a National Bicentennial Highway Safety Year, with emphasis on the following specific activities: July - Safer Driving; August - Roadside Obstacle Elimination; September - Save Our Children; October - Signs and Signals; November - Railroad Crossing Protection; December - Alcohol and Problem Drinkers; January - Safety Education; February - Safer Bridges; March - Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety; April - Pavement Marking and Delineation; May - Highway Hazard Removal; and June - Safety Belts and Child Restraints.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GERALD R. FORD, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim that the twelve-month period beginning the month of July, 1976 is designated as National Bicentennial Highway Safety Year.

As requested by the Congress, I call upon Americans in all walks of life, in both the public and private sectors, as individuals, groups, and organizations, to participate in appropriate programs and activities, at home, at work, and on the highway, so that lives may be saved and injuries prevented -- symbolizing the rededication of the American people to living and working together in a spirit of mutual cooperation, harmony, dignity, and respect in order to achieve better, healthier, happier lives for all.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this thirtieth day of June in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundredth.

GERALD R. FORD

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