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1 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 40

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3 A Resolution to recognize Child Passenger Safety Day.

4 WHEREAS, motor vehicle crashes remain the single  
5 leading cause of death among children 14 years of age  
6 and younger and child safety seats and safety belts,  
7 when installed and used correctly, can prevent  
8 thousands of deaths and injuries; and

9 WHEREAS, research has indicated that 2,136 children  
10 14 years of age and younger died and another 253,000  
11 were injured in vehicle crashes in 2003; and

12 WHEREAS, an estimated 82 percent of child safety  
13 seats are not installed or used correctly, and child  
14 safety seats, when used correctly, can reduce the risk  
15 of death in a vehicle crash by 71 percent for infants  
16 and 54 percent for children ages one through four; and

17 WHEREAS, it is estimated that if all children 14  
18 years of age and younger were restrained properly,  
19 182,000 serious injuries could be prevented annually;  
20 and

21 WHEREAS, 56 percent of parents whose children were  
22 not using booster seats believed their children were  
23 too big for a child safety seat; and

24 WHEREAS, the total annual cost of motor vehicle  
25 occupant-related death and injury exceeds \$25.8  
26 billion for all children 14 years of age and younger,  
27 and every dollar spent on a child safety seat saves  
28 this country \$32 in health care expenses; and

29 WHEREAS, motor vehicle crashes can result in  
30 tragic, and unnecessary, death and injury and

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1 children, when not properly restrained, are placed at  
2 a much greater risk; and

3 WHEREAS, in response to the change in Iowa's child  
4 passenger law and a critical need for education, the  
5 American Automobile Association (AAA) Minnesota-Iowa,  
6 together with Blank Children's Hospital and the Iowa  
7 Safe Kids Coalition, would like July 9, 2005, to be  
8 designated Child Passenger Safety Day to help educate  
9 the public about the proper use of child passenger  
10 safety seats and child passenger restraints; and

11 WHEREAS, in order to contribute to the educational  
12 efforts, AAA Minnesota-Iowa has partnered with Blank  
13 Children's Hospital and the Iowa Safe Kids Coalition  
14 to help provide education and resources to improve  
15 child safety seat use and child restraint compliance;  
16 NOW THEREFORE,

17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate  
18 invites all Iowans to recognize July 9, 2005, as Child  
19 Passenger Safety Day and to join in the effort to  
20 fight the child passenger safety battle and ensure  
21 that all of Iowa's children are riding safely.

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