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Expressing the sense of the Congress that there should be established a School Zone Safety Awareness Week to encourage schools, government, parents, and businesses in the United States to educate children and adults about safety in our Nation's school zones.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 26, 2005

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania submitted the following concurrent resolution;
which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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Whereas School Zone Safety Awareness Week promotes educating young children in order to improve their cognitive skills so they are able to effectively identify irresponsible driving behavior;

Whereas School Zone Safety Awareness Week promotes educating drivers of all ages about the importance of abiding speed laws and stop signs in marked school zone areas;

Whereas traffic-related pedestrian death rates are twice as high in urban areas as in rural areas;

Whereas pedestrian injury remains the second leading cause of unintentional-injury-related death among children ages 5 to 14;

Whereas the United States values educational programs that encourage safety in our Nation's school zones;

Whereas the Nation's kindergarten, elementary, and secondary education system should strive to educate children and parents about the importance of school zone safety;

Whereas the understanding and education of the primary causes of pedestrian/child-related accidents in school zones is an important part of promoting safer walking environments;

Whereas walking is a fundamental component of physical fitness for children, and it is essential that children have the ability to walk safely in school areas;

Whereas many organizations such as National Safe Kids Campaign (partnered with FedEx Express) have worked to perform nationwide surveys of speeding in school zones as part of a larger initiative to create safer walking environments for children; and

Whereas the establishment of the last week of August in every year as School Zone Safety Awareness Week would encourage schools, government, parents, and businesses in the United States to educate children and adults about safety in our Nation's school zones: Now therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
 2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of the Congress that there
 3 should be established a School Zone Safety Awareness

- 1 Week to encourage schools, government, parents, and
- 2 businesses in the United States to educate children and
- 3 adults about safety in our Nation's school zones.

