HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.79

Reps. Manoogian, Byrd, Yancey, Gay-Dagnogo, Liberati, Sheppard, Filler, Camilleri and Whitsett offered the following resolution: A resolution to declare April 25, 2019, as Distracted Driving 1 2 Awareness Day in the state of Michigan. Whereas, Distracted driving constitutes a serious threat to 3 public safety on Michigan's roads; and 4 5 Whereas, Distracted driving causes thousands of accidents and 6 hundreds of deaths nationally every year; and 7 Whereas, Michigan law prohibits texting while driving; and Whereas, Mitchel Kiefer was tragically killed in Michigan in 8 2016 in an accident by a distracted driver; and 9 Whereas, Nearly 50% of young people say that they have texted 10 while driving and nearly 25% say that they text and drive every 11 12 day; and

1 Whereas, Michigan's roads would be made safer by a reduction 2 in distracted driving; and 3 Whereas, The campaign against distracted driving has been immensely aided by the efforts of law enforcement in Michigan; and 4 Whereas, This day dedicated to distracted driving awareness 5 will raise public consciousness of the dangers of distracted 6 7 driving in the state of Michigan; now, therefore, be it 8 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare April 25, 2019, as Distracted Driving 9 10 Awareness Day in the state of Michigan.