



## 2013 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 73

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1     **Relating to:** proclaiming distracted driving awareness day.

2             Whereas, April is National Distracted Driving Awareness Month, which is  
3     dedicated to discouraging the use of cell phones while driving, recognizing that  
4     hands-free devices offer no safety benefit, and understanding the dangers of  
5     cognitive distraction while driving; and

6             Whereas, studies show that drivers talking on cell phones, whether or not using  
7     hands-free devices, are four times more likely to be involved in car accidents; and

8             Whereas, the National Safety Council estimates that drivers using cell phones  
9     cause 25 percent of car accidents in the United States; and

10            Whereas, drivers talking on cell phones can miss up to 50 percent of the driving  
11     environment; and

12            Whereas, sending or receiving a text message takes a driver's eyes from the  
13     road for an average of 4.6 seconds, the equivalent—at 55 miles per hour—of driving  
14     the length of a football field without watching the road; and

