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ACR-70 Secure Your Load Day. (2021-2022)

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 70

CHAPTER 58

Relative to Secure Your Load Day.

[Filed with Secretary of State July 01, 2021.]

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 70, Choi. Secure Your Load Day.

This measure would declare June 6, 2021, as Secure Your Load Day in California.

Fiscal Committee: no

WHEREAS, The State of California is the nation's most populous state with 38.8 million residents and growing; and

WHEREAS, Traffic in California has become more congested in recent years, resulting in an increase in road debris and automobile collisions; and

WHEREAS, Over 200,000 accidents and 500 traffic deaths occurred in the United States between 2011 and 2014 due to dangerous road debris from unsecured loads; and

WHEREAS, Ethan Hawks, a 17-year-old senior and football star from Whittier Christian High School, was a victim of a tragic accident in the County of Orange caused by a heavy piece of metal escaping from another vehicle and striking the car that he was riding in, ultimately taking his life; and

WHEREAS, All residents of California should recognize the dangers of driving, and be accountable for their habits while in a vehicle; and

WHEREAS, Section 23114 of the Vehicle Code prohibits a vehicle from being driven on a highway unless it is constructed, covered, or loaded so as to prevent any of its contents or load from escaping from the vehicle; and

WHEREAS, The commonsense, routine act of securing every load protects the lives of California residents, and this precaution must not be overlooked; and

WHEREAS, The State of California recognizes and honors the profound suffering of those harmed by unsecured loads; and

WHEREAS, The State of California stands in solidarity with persons impacted by those instances of avoidable incidents caused by unsecured loads; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature declares June 6, 2021, as Secure Your Load Day in California to increase public awareness of the necessity of securing loads on vehicles using the

state's highways; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the Director of Motor Vehicles and to the author for appropriate distribution.