

117TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. RES. 1052

Supporting the goals and ideals of a National Move Over Law Day.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 11, 2022

Mr. MCGOVERN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

RESOLUTION

Supporting the goals and ideals of a National Move Over
Law Day.

Whereas the House of Representatives wishes to recognize law enforcement, fire and rescue, emergency medical services, tow truck operators, and transportation workers as traffic incident management responders (as such term is defined by the Traffic Incident Management Handbook of the Federal Highway Administration);

Whereas, due to the increasingly high rate of distracted drivers on the roadway, many traffic incident management responders lose their lives while performing their duties each year;

Whereas, nationally in 2021, 65 traffic incident management responders were killed due to roadside collisions;

Whereas every State has a “move over” law, which has correlated directly to a safer environment along our Nation’s roadsides for traffic incident management responders and stranded citizens;

Whereas “move over” laws generally require motorists to move at least 1 lane over when there is an emergency or rescue activity taking place on the shoulder or side of the roadway, or, if unable to do so safely, to slow down and pass the scene with caution;

Whereas a Government Accountability Office report (GAO–21–166) on Emergency Responder Safety noted that State officials cite raising public awareness as the most prevalent challenge to “move over” laws; and

Whereas providing traffic incident management responders an enhanced opportunity to inform the motoring public about these laws is critical to the public safety: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) supports the goals and ideals of a National
3 Move Over Law Day;

4 (2) urges the national incident management or-
5 ganizations, as well as State and regional incident
6 management organizations, to spread awareness and
7 promote the existence of, and adherence to, State
8 “move over” laws; and

9 (3) urges the national incident management or-
10 ganizations, and similar State and regional incident
11 management organizations, to educate the public

1 further on the dangers and loss of life if the provi-
2 sions and requirements of State “move over” laws
3 are not faithfully observed.

