

House Resolution 229

By: Representatives Powell of the 23rd, Parham of the 122nd and Cummings of the 27th

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the United States Congress to provide for a review and revision of the Federal Motor
2 Vehicle Safety Standard for motorcycle helmets (FMVSS 218) based on conclusions drawn
3 from comprehensive testing performed under realistic motorcycle accident conditions; and
4 for other purposes.

5 WHEREAS, motorcycle riding has become a popular form of recreation and transportation
6 for thousands of people across the country; and

7 WHEREAS, increased ridership has led to increased concerns relating to motorcycle safety;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, the issue of motorcycle helmet safety is of particular concern to motorcyclists
10 and others who are interested in protecting the public's health and well-being; and

11 WHEREAS, the questions and conflicting opinions regarding motorcycle helmet safety may
12 be resolved or reconciled by the promulgation of updated federal safety standards for
13 motorcycle helmets; and

14 WHEREAS, it is strongly recommended and urged that such updated federal safety standards
15 for motorcycle helmets be issued and supported by conclusions drawn from realistic,
16 comprehensive testing done in accident conditions and that such testing include the use of
17 crash dummies, actual crash motorcycle simulations, and sensors detecting and monitoring
18 neck and cervical spinal injuries caused by such accidents.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
20 this body urges the United States Congress to review and revise the Federal Motor Vehicle
21 Safety Standard for motorcycle helmets (FMVSS 218) and to base such revised standard on
22 results obtained from comprehensive testing performed in realistic motorcycle accident
23 conditions as suggested in this resolution.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
2 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to each member of the Georgia
3 congressional delegation.