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Senate Resolution 809

By: Senators Jones of the 10th, Brown of the 26th, Johnson of the 1st, Seay of the 34th, Chapman of the 3rd and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Urging Congress, governmental agencies, and the automobile industry to substitute the term
- 2 "life belt" for "seat belt" and "life bag" for "air bag"; and for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, the advent of the now ubiquitous seat belt and air bag has been arguably the
- 4 most important automotive invention in terms of passenger safety, having saved countless
- 5 lives on the highways; and
- 6 WHEREAS, in spite of the belt's importance, its nomenclature is slightly misleading, as,
- 7 notwithstanding a common idiomatic phrase, the belt was added not to save seats but rather
- 8 lives; and
- 9 WHEREAS, similarly, air bags are, in fact, inflated with compressed gas and are intended
- 10 to and do save lives; and
- WHEREAS, more accurate terms for these devices would be life belt and life bag, terms that
- 12 reflect the true mission of the devices; and
- 13 WHEREAS, calling the belt a life belt could have the salutary effect of attracting attention
- 14 to its importance, thus increasing usage and saving even more lives.
- 15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
- 16 GEORGIA that the members of this body urge governmental agencies, and the National
- 17 Transportation Safety Board in particular, as well as automobile manufacturers, advertisers,
- and dealers to revise their nomenclature to reflect the terms "life belt" and "life bag."
- 19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that other states are urged to amend laws to provide for
- 20 references to "life belts" and "life bags" rather than the older terms.

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed

2 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Georgia Congressional Delegation, the

3 public, and the press.