

House Resolution 740

By: Representative Tanner of the 9th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Donna and Tony Gerrish and their family for their efforts to eradicate
2 aggressive driving in Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, on October 9, 2015, the Gerrish Family tragically lost their daughter Chelsea
4 in a head-on collision with an aggressive driver, and since then they have been tirelessly
5 devoted to passing a law in her memory to put a stop to aggressive driving; and

6 WHEREAS, they have received widespread support and encouragement for their efforts and
7 have used social media and national media attention to further their cause; and

8 WHEREAS, they have held numerous benefits in their daughter's honor including their first
9 benefit for Chelsea in their home state of New Jersey on February 1, 2015, with more than
10 200 people in attendance who showed their support for this important cause; the benefit on
11 March 16, 2015, at the Georgia Racing Hall of Fame; and the motorcycle bike run the
12 following week; and

13 WHEREAS, they have also worked with the Department of Driver's Services, encouraging
14 them to add questions to the driver's test about aggressive driving; the department is currently
15 in the process of updating the test bank, and because of the Gerrish family's efforts,
16 aggressive driving questions will now be asked on the test; and

17 WHEREAS, they are entirely dedicated to advocating on their daughter's behalf and plan to
18 lobby in all 50 states against the dangers of aggressive driving; and

19 WHEREAS, the Gerrish family has done amazing work spreading awareness of the dangers
20 of aggressive driving, and their efforts are truly making a positive difference.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
22 the members of this body commend Donna and Tony Gerrish and their family for their
23 efforts to eradicate aggressive driving in Georgia.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
25 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Donna
26 and Tony Gerrish.