A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge Congress to encourage the Administrator of the FMCSA to change the crash indicator BASIC regulation standards to consider only crashes in which the driver was at fault for the crash.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF OHIO (THE SENATE CONCURRING):

WHEREAS, The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) uses the Safety Measurement System (SMS) to assess commercial motor vehicle carriers in seven Behavior Analysis and Safety Improvement Categories (BASICs); and

WHEREAS, The BASICs include Unsafe Driving, Crash Indicator, Hours-of-Service Compliance, Vehicle Maintenance, Controlled Substances and Alcohol, Hazardous Materials Compliance, and Driver Fitness; and

WHEREAS, SMS data allows the FMCSA to assess carrier noncompliance with the regulations promulgated by the FMCSA and provides the commercial motor vehicle carrier industry and other safety stakeholders with comprehensive, informative, and regularly updated safety performance data; and

WHEREAS, SMS data is used to make safety-based business
decisions using all available sources of information; and

WHEREAS, The Crash Indicator BASIC includes data concerning all state-reported crashes, regardless of the carrier's or driver's role in the crash; and

WHEREAS, By including crashes in which a carrier or driver was not at fault, the current data creates an inaccurate, incriminating, and imbalanced portrayal of the carrier's or driver's crash record, with the potential for devastating personal and business consequences for otherwise upstanding and safe carriers and drivers; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 133rd General Assembly of the State of Ohio, urge the Congress of the United States to encourage the Administrator of the FMCSA to change the Crash Indicator BASIC regulation standards to consider only crashes in which the driver was at fault for the crash; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the President Pro Tempore and Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the President of the United States, the members of the Ohio Congressional delegation, and the news media of Ohio.