

A Resolution to Nationalize Maggie's Law

Respectfully Submitted by Southview High School

1 Whereas, over 170 million adult drivers have claimed to drive while excessively
2 drowsy, and
3 Whereas, over 103 million drivers claim to have fallen asleep behind the wheel, and
4 Whereas, not sleeping for eighteen hours produces driver impairment worse than driving
5 legally intoxicated, and
6 Whereas, fatigued driving causes injury and/or death to over 100,000 American citizens
7 annually, and
8 Whereas, most states cannot charge a driver for more than reckless driving
9 even if asleep behind the wheel, and
10 Whereas, instituting Maggie's Law nationwide would make it a criminal act to drive while
11 sleep deprived and allow such drivers if a lethal accident occurs, and
12 Whereas, in New Jersey, other states, and most European nations similar laws have been
13 effective in raising awareness and preventing fatigued driving,
14 Therefore, Be It Resolved by this Student Congress here assembled that: Maggie's Law be
15 instated nationwide in an effort to reduce highway accidents.