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**S. C. R. No. 2**

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**A C O N C U R R E N T R E S O L U T I O N**

To urge Congress to enact legislation requiring 1  
commercial trucks to use side guards and establishing 2  
side guard technical specifications. 3

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

WHEREAS, The deadliest type of vehicle crashes are those 4  
involving large commercial trucks and pedestrians, bicyclists, 5  
and motorists; and 6

WHEREAS, Over the past five years, over 556 pedestrians and 7  
bicyclists in the United States were killed by side impacts with 8  
large commercial trucks; and 9

WHEREAS, Side guards are safety barriers that run between 10  
truck tires that can be attached to large trucks to protect 11  
vulnerable road users, such as pedestrians and bicyclists; 12

WHEREAS, Side guards minimize damage and reduce the risk of 13  
a fatality in side impact collisions; and 14

WHEREAS, Cities such as New York and Boston have started to 15  
implement side guard technology on vehicles owned or contracted 16  
by the city; and 17

WHEREAS, The city of London, in the United Kingdom, has 18

required the use of side guards since 1986 and saw decreases in 19  
fatalities by 61% for bicyclists and 20% for pedestrians in side 20  
impact collisions; and 21

WHEREAS, The Ohio State Lodge of the Fraternal Order of 22  
Police fully endorses the use of side guards; now therefore be 23  
it 24

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 133rd General 25  
Assembly of the State of Ohio, urge the Congress of the United 26  
States to enact legislation requiring commercial trucks to use 27  
side guards and establishing side guard technical 28  
specifications; and be it further 29

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly 30  
authenticated copies of this resolution to the President Pro 31  
Tempore and Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker 32  
and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the 33  
President of the United States, the members of the Ohio 34  
Congressional delegation, and the news media of Ohio. 35