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RECOGNIZING THE 7th UNITED NATIONS GLOBAL ROAD SAFETY WEEK

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Mr. HUDSON: **Mr. SPEAKER,** I rise today as co-chair of the Global Road Safety Caucus to mark the 7th United Nations Global Road Safety Week (May 15-21st, 2023).

The number of deaths on the world's roads remains unacceptably high. Road traffic injuries are a leading cause of death worldwide, with around 1.35 million people killed each year. For people aged 5-29 years, there is no greater threat to their lives.

But this is not just an issue in other countries. The National Safety Council (NSC) says deaths from motor vehicles have risen 9% since 2020 in the United States, with as many as 46,270 Americans dying in vehicle crashes last year. Also, according to the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, road crash deaths are the single greatest cause of death for U.S. citizens residing or traveling abroad.

By recognizing Global Road Safety Week, we can make a difference in stemming the tide of the road crash epidemic in the United States and around the world. Ultimately, we should do everything in our power to protect the lives of all road users, and I hope to work with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to do that.

Mr. SPEAKER, please join me today in honoring the 7th United Nations Global Road Safety Week

Thank you, **Mr. SPEAKER.** I yield back the balance of my time.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard Hudson".

RICHARD HUDSON
Member of Congress