

By Senator Garcia

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing March 2013 as "Aaron Cohen
Bike Safety Awareness Month" in Florida.

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that 4 percent of all motor vehicle crashes in Florida involve bicycles, with the total annual cost of bicyclist injury and death estimated at more than \$4 billion, and

WHEREAS, in 2011, more than 4,600 cyclists were seriously injured in traffic crashes on Florida roads and highways, with 120 cyclists killed, a 58 percent increase from 2010, and

WHEREAS, the 10 counties in Florida with the highest number of bicycle fatalities between 2006 and 2011 are Alachua, Broward, Duval, Hillsborough, Lee, Miami-Dade, Orange, Palm Beach, Pasco, and Pinellas, and Florida continues to rank among the top states in the nation for injury and fatality among bicyclists and pedestrians hit by cars, and

WHEREAS, on February 15, 2012, Aaron Cohen, a 36-year-old experienced cyclist and avid runner, was struck and killed in a hit-and-run accident on the Rickenbacker Causeway, which leads to Key Biscayne in Miami-Dade County, and

WHEREAS, Aaron Cohen is remembered by all who knew him as a loving husband to his wife, Ana, and dad to his two children and as a kind and compassionate friend, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

That we recognize March 2013 as "Aaron Cohen Bike Safety Awareness Month" in Florida.