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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Texas Legislature has designated April as Child  
2 Safety Month in the State of Texas; and

3 WHEREAS, Children and adolescents are at high risk for many  
4 injuries that can lead to death or disability; in 2002,  
5 unintentional injury was the leading cause of death among young  
6 people aged 1 through 19 and the sixth leading cause of death among  
7 infants; and

8 WHEREAS, The most common causes of fatal injuries among  
9 children aged 1 to 14 across the United States in 2002 were motor  
10 vehicle accidents, drowning, and fire, respectively, with  
11 poisoning and falls also ranking high on the list; among children up  
12 to 14 years of age, it is estimated that traumatic brain injuries  
13 annually cause more than 2,500 deaths, some 37,000  
14 hospitalizations, and approximately 435,000 visits to an emergency  
15 room; and

16 WHEREAS, It is vital that adults who care for children  
17 understand children's vulnerability to accidents and take measures  
18 to remove or avoid potential threats; many lives can be saved by  
19 such commonsense measures as the use of smoke alarms, seat belts,  
20 bicycle helmets, and safety and booster seats, and by not leaving  
21 children unattended in vehicles or around even shallow water; as  
22 children grow older, in addition to being guarded from harm, they  
23 need to be taught how to look out for their own safety; and

24 WHEREAS, Child Safety Month provides an excellent

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1 opportunity to raise awareness about a crucial public health issue,  
2 and efforts to promote child safety in the Lone Star State are to be  
3 commended and encouraged; now, therefore, be it

4         RESOLVED, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas  
5 hereby recognize April 2009 as Child Safety Month in Texas.