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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, With the passage of H.B. 1045 during the 80th  
2 Legislative Session, the Texas Legislature designated April as  
3 Child Safety Month in the State of Texas; and

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

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

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

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

5           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
6 Legislature hereby recognize April 2009 as Child Safety Month in  
7 Texas.