

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, National Safe Boating Week is being observed from May 16 to 22, 2009, to raise awareness about the importance of always wearing a life jacket on the water; and

WHEREAS, Recreational boating, including fishing and water skiing, is an immensely popular summer sport among Texans, and waterways can quickly become crowded, resulting in confusion, unforeseen risks, and, too often, tragedy; and

WHEREAS, According to the National Safe Boating Council, about 700 people die each year in boating-related accidents, and nearly 70 percent of these fatalities are caused by drowning; the vast majority of accidents occur because of human error or poor judgment and can be easily prevented; and

WHEREAS, It has been estimated that wearing a life jacket can reduce the number of boaters who drown by approximately 80 percent; although many boaters stow life jackets on board, there is rarely enough time to properly employ one in the event of an accident; in an effort to increase people's willingness to wear them, modern life jackets have been designed to be smaller, lighter, and more comfortable; and

WHEREAS, Boating accidents happen regardless of one's experience level, and wearing a life jacket is the most effective way to prevent drowning for veteran and novice boaters alike; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas

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Legislature hereby recognize May 16 to 22, 2009, as National Safe Boating Week and encourage Texans to wear life jackets at all times while on the water.

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Straus	Gattis	Menendez
Allen	Geren	Merritt
Alonzo	Giddings	Miklos
Alvarado	Gonzales	Miller of Comal
Anchia	Gonzalez Toureilles	Miller of Erath
Anderson	Guillen	Moody
Aycock	Gutierrez	Morrison
Berman	Hamilton	Naishtat
Bohac	Hancock	Oliveira
Bolton	Hardcastle	Olivo
Bonnen	Harless	Orr
Branch	Harper-Brown	Ortiz, Jr.
Brown of Kaufman	Hartnett	Otto
Brown of Brazos	Heflin	Parker
Burnam	Hernandez	Patrick
Button	Herrero	Paxton
Callegari	Hilderbran	Peña
Castro	Hochberg	Phillips
Chavez	Hodge	Pickett
Chisum	Homer	Pierson
Christian	Hopson	Pitts
Cohen	Howard of Fort Bend	Quintanilla
Coleman	Howard of Travis	Raymond
Cook	Hughes	Riddle
Corte	Hunter	Rios Ybarra
Crabb	Isett	Ritter
Craddick	Jackson	Rodriguez
Creighton	Jones	Rose
Crownover	Keffer	Sheffield
Darby	Kent	Shelton
Davis of Harris	King of Parker	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Dallas	King of Taylor	Smith of Harris
Deshotel	King of Zavala	Smithee
Driver	Kleinschmidt	Solomons
Dukes	Kolkhorst	Strama
Dunnam	Kuempel	Swinford
Dutton	Laubenberg	Taylor
Edwards	Legler	Thibaut
Eiland	Leibowitz	Thompson
Eissler	Lewis	Truitt
Elkins	Lucio III	Turner of Tarrant
England	Madden	Turner of Harris
Farabee	Maldonado	Vaught
Farias	Mallory Caraway	Veasey
Farrar	Marquez	Villarreal
Fletcher	Martinez	Vo
Flores	Martinez Fischer	Walle
Flynn	McCall	Weber
Frost	McClendon	Woolley
Gallego	McReynolds	Zerwas

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1725 was adopted by the House on May 6, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House