

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, National Safe Boating Week is being observed from  
2 May 21 to 27, 2011; and

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

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

12           WHEREAS, Statistics have shown that 84 percent of those who  
13 drowned in boating mishaps were not wearing a life jacket; although  
14 many boaters stow life jackets on board, there is rarely enough time  
15 to properly employ one in the event of an accident; in an effort to  
16 increase people's willingness to wear this essential piece of  
17 safety equipment, modern life jackets have been designed to be  
18 smaller, lighter, and more comfortable; and

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

23           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
24 Legislature hereby recognize May 21 to 27, 2011, as National Safe

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1 Boating Week and encourage Texans to wear life jackets at all times  
2 while on the water.

Smith of Harris

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2140 was adopted by the House on May 30, 2011, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House