

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, National Safe Boating Week is being observed from  
2 May 18 to 24, 2013; and

3           WHEREAS, Recreational boating, including fishing and  
4 waterskiing, 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, 700  
8 people die each year in boating-related accidents in the United  
9 States, and approximately 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; recreational  
12 boaters should never operate a boat while under the influence of  
13 alcohol or drugs; and

14           WHEREAS, Statistics have shown that about 80 percent of those  
15 who drowned in boating mishaps were not wearing a life jacket;  
16 although many boaters stow life jackets on board, there is rarely  
17 enough time to properly employ one in the event of an accident; in  
18 an effort to increase people's willingness to wear this essential  
19 piece of safety equipment, modern life jackets have been designed  
20 to be smaller, lighter, and more comfortable; and

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

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1           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
2 Legislature hereby recognize May 18 to 24, 2013, as National Safe  
3 Boating Week and encourage Texans to wear life jackets at all times  
4 while on the water.

Larson

Straus	M. Gonzalez of El Paso	Oliveira
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Alonzo	Gooden	Otto
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Anderson	Gutierrez	Patrick
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Aycock	Harper-Brown	Perry
Bell	Hernandez Luna	Phillips
Bohac	Herrero	Pickett
Bonnen of Brazoria	Hilderbran	Pitts
Bonnen of Galveston	Howard	Price
Branch	Huberty	Raney
Burkett	Hughes	Ratliff
Burnam	Hunter	Raymond
Button	Isaac	Reynolds
Callegari	Johnson	Riddle
Canales	Kacal	Ritter
Capriglione	Keffer	Rodriguez of Bexar
Carter	King of Hemphill	Rodriguez of Travis
Clardy	King of Parker	Rose
Coleman	King of Taylor	Sanford
Collier	King of Zavala	Schaefer
Cook	Kleinschmidt	Sheets
Cortez	Klick	Sheffield of Bell
Craddick	Kolkhorst	Sheffield of Coryell
Creighton	Krause	Simmons
Crownover	Kuempel	Simpson
Dale	Larson	Smith
Darby	Laubenberg	Smithee
Davis of Dallas	Lavender	Springer
J. Davis of Harris	Leach	Stephenson
S. Davis of Harris	Lewis	Stickland
Deshotel	Longoria	Strama
Dukes	Lozano	Taylor
Dutton	Lucio III	Thompson of Brazoria
Eiland	Marquez	Thompson of Harris
Elkins	Martinez	Toth
Fallon	Martinez Fischer	Turner of Collin
Farias	McClendon	Turner of Harris
Farney	Menendez	Turner of Tarrant
Farrar	Miles	Villalba
Fletcher	Miller of Comal	Villarreal
Flynn	Miller of Fort Bend	Vo
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Giddings	Murphy	Wu
Goldman	Naishtat	Zedler
Gonzales	Nevarez	Zerwas

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1754 was adopted by the House on May 8, 2013, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House