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S.C.R. No. 1

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Texas offers numerous opportunities for residents
2 and visitors to take part in water-related recreation; and

3 WHEREAS, While the benefits of such activities are many, it
4 is vitally important that proper measures be taken to avoid
5 accidents; whether individuals are enjoying lakes, rivers, the Gulf
6 of Mexico, or a public or private pool, water safety is essential to
7 preventing drowning and injuries; and

8 WHEREAS, Each year, more than 100 Texas children die from
9 drowning, making it one of the leading causes of childhood injury
10 deaths; moreover, the rates of drowning-related deaths in the state
11 are consistently higher than the national average; and

12 WHEREAS, Studies of seasonal variations have shown that
13 two-thirds of the drowning deaths of young children and adolescents
14 occur in the months of May through August; raising awareness of this
15 issue in advance of the summer months will encourage the citizens of
16 the Lone Star State to exercise caution and will help reinforce the
17 message that water safety is everyone's responsibility; now,
18 therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the 83rd Legislature of the State of Texas
20 hereby designate April as Water Safety Month; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That in accordance with the provisions of Section
22 391.004(d), Government Code, the designation expires on the 10th
23 anniversary of the date this resolution is passed by the
24 legislature.