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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, 2019; and

3 WHEREAS, Boating, including fishing, sailing, paddling, and
4 waterskiing, is an immensely popular recreational activity, and the
5 U.S. Coast Guard and its federal, state, and local partners
6 encourage all boaters to explore and enjoy America's beautiful
7 waters responsibly; and

8 WHEREAS, According to the National Safe Boating Council,
9 approximately 650 people die in boating-related accidents in the
10 United States each year, and 76 percent of those fatalities are
11 caused by drowning; the vast majority of accidents occur because of
12 human error or poor judgment and can be easily prevented through
13 basic safety practices, such as carrying emergency communications
14 equipment, participating in free boat safety checks, remaining
15 sober while navigating, and wearing life jackets; and

16 WHEREAS, Statistics have shown that nearly 85 percent of
17 those who drowned in boating mishaps were not wearing a life jacket;
18 although many boaters stow life jackets on board, there is rarely
19 enough time to properly employ one in the event of an accident; in
20 an effort to increase people's willingness to wear this essential
21 piece of safety equipment, modern life jackets have been designed
22 to be smaller, lighter, and more comfortable; and

23 WHEREAS, Boating accidents happen regardless of one's level
24 of experience, and wearing a life jacket is the most effective way

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1 to prevent drowning for veteran and novice boaters alike; now,
2 therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
4 Legislature hereby recognize May 18 to 24, 2019, as National Safe
5 Boating Week and encourage Texans to practice safe boating habits
6 and to wear life jackets at all times while on the water.