

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 243

BY REPRESENTATIVE BISHOP

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Designates May 19-25, 2018, as Safe Boating Week in Louisiana

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To designate May 19 through 25, 2018, as Safe Boating Week in Louisiana.

3 WHEREAS, the United States has over thirteen million boats, and three hundred
4 twenty-three thousand of those boats are on Louisiana waters; and

5 WHEREAS, the vast majority of boating incidents are caused by human error or poor
6 judgment and not the boat, equipment, or environmental factors; and

7 WHEREAS, boating knowledge and skills are important in reducing human error and
8 improving judgment; and

9 WHEREAS, approximately seventy-five percent of our state's fatalities on the water
10 are due to drowning; and

11 WHEREAS, a significant number of boaters who lost their lives by drowning would
12 be alive today had they worn a life jacket; and

13 WHEREAS, while boats are a marvelous source of recreation, boat operators are a
14 risk to other boaters and themselves when they do not know or obey the navigation rules,
15 drink alcohol or take drugs while operating a boat, or choose not to wear a life jacket; and

16 WHEREAS, one precaution, wearing a life jacket, could save the lives of eighty
17 percent of those who fall into the water unexpectedly; and

18 WHEREAS, if people are aware of the risks involved, they are more likely to take
19 precautions to protect themselves, their friends and family, and others; and

20 WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to spread the message of boating safety education
21 in our state.

1 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
2 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate May 19 through 25, 2018, as Safe Boating
3 Week in Louisiana, and hereby encourages all citizens to learn and practice safe boating on
4 our state's beautiful lakes and rivers.

DIGEST

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