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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 165

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BOATS/SHIPS/VESSELS: Proclaims May 17 through 23, 2014, "Safe Boating Week" in Louisiana

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To proclaim May 17 through May 23, 2014, as "Safe Boating Week" in Louisiana.
3	WHEREAS, the United States has over thirteen million boats, and three hundred
4	twenty-one thousand of those boats can be found on Louisiana waters; and
5	WHEREAS, the vast majority of boating incidents are caused by human error or poor
6	judgment and not by the boat, equipment, or environmental factors; and
7	WHEREAS, seventy-five percent of our state's fatalities on the water are due to
8	drowning usually by boaters who are not wearing a personal flotation device; and
9	WHEREAS, a significant number of boaters who lose their lives by drowning each
10	year would be alive today had they worn their life jackets; and
11	WHEREAS, while boats are a marvelous source of recreation and enjoyment,
12	inexperienced and uneducated boat operators are a risk to other boaters when they do not
13	know or obey the navigation rules of the road, drink alcohol, or take drugs while operating
14	a boat, or choose not to wear a life jacket; and
15	WHEREAS, a single precaution, that of wearing a life jacket, could save eighty
16	percent of the lives of those who fall into the water unexpectedly; and
17	WHEREAS, boating knowledge and skills are important to the reduction of human
18	error and improving judgment; if people are aware of a risk, they are more likely to take the
19	precautionary measures to protect themselves, their friends, family, and others from that risk,
20	which is why it is important to spread the message of boating safety education in our state.

1 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby

2 proclaim May 17 through May 23, 2014, as "Safe Boating Week" in the state of Louisiana.

- 3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
- 4 to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

DIGEST

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