

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 243

BY REPRESENTATIVE BISHOP

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate May 19 through 25, 2018, as Safe Boating

Week in Louisiana, and hereby encourages all citizens to learn and practice safe boating on our state's beautiful lakes and rivers.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES