

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 72

BY REPRESENTATIVE BOURRIAQUE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate the week of May 22 through 28, 2021, as Safe Boating Week in Louisiana.

WHEREAS, the United States has over thirteen million boats and three hundred sixteen 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 by boat, equipment, or environmental factors; and

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

WHEREAS, a significant number of boaters who lose their lives by drowning each year would be alive today had they worn their life jackets; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the wildfire enforcement agents of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries do an outstanding job educating and providing public safety services on our state's waterways in an effort to promote and protect the safety of over two million two hundred thousand boaters who enjoy Louisiana's waterways each year; and

WHEREAS, boating knowledge and skills are important in reducing human error and improving judgment and if people are aware of the risk they are more likely to take the precautionary measures to protect themselves, their friends, family, and others, which is why we must spread the message of boating safety education in our state.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize the importance of boating safety and designates the week of May 22 through 28, 2021, as Safe Boating Week in the state of Louisiana.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE