

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 17

REPRESENTATIVE HENRY BURNS

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Recognizes July 2013 as "Swimming Pool Safety Month" in honor of Aubrie and Angel Castine-Smith

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To recognize July 2013 as "Swimming Pool Safety Month" in honor of Aubrie and Angel
3 Castine-Smith.

4 WHEREAS, during the summer of 2012, Aubrie and Angel Castine-Smith, twin girls
5 from the city of Bossier, lost their lives in a swimming pool drowning accident; and

6 WHEREAS, approximately ten people die from unintentional drowning everyday in
7 the United States, and of these victims, two are children aged 14 or younger; and

8 WHEREAS, drowning ranks fifth among the leading causes of unintentional death
9 in the United States; and

10 WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention provides that the main
11 factors that affect drowning risk are lack of swimming ability, lack of barriers to prevent
12 unsupervised water access, lack of supervision while swimming, location, failure to wear life
13 jackets, alcohol use, and seizure disorders; and

14 WHEREAS, one precaution, a four-sided isolation fence, reduces a child's risk of
15 drowning by 83% compared to three-sided property-line fencing; and

16 WHEREAS, water safety awareness and education are essential for preventing
17 drowning and other water-related injuries; and

18 WHEREAS, it is important to encourage all citizens who participate in aquatic-
19 related recreational activities to recognize and adhere to water safety rules and programs
20 established by law enforcement, swimming facilities, public and private waterfronts, water
21 parks, home pools and spas, and all other locations where water-related activities may occur.

1 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
2 recognize July of 2013 as "Swimming Pool Safety Month" in honor of Aubrie and Angel
3 Castine-Smith.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
5 to the family of Aubrie and Angel Castine-Smith.

DIGEST

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