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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 17

REPRESENTATIVE HENRY BURNS AND SENATOR THOMPSON

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE