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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, For over 100 million Americans, boating continues
3 to be a popular recreational activity; from coast to coast,
4 and everywhere in between, people are enjoying time together
5 boating, sailing, paddling, and fishing; and

6 WHEREAS, Safe boating begins with preparation; the Coast
7 Guard estimates that human error accounts for most boating
8 accidents and that life jackets could prevent nearly 86
9 percent of boating fatalities; and

10 WHEREAS, Basic boating safety procedures, such as carrying
11 lifesaving emergency distress and communications equipment,
12 wearing life jackets, attending safe boating courses,
13 participating in free boat safety checks, and staying sober
14 when navigating, can help ensure boaters on America's coastal,
15 inland, and offshore waters stay safe throughout the season;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, On average, 650 people die each year in
18 boating-related accidents in the U.S.; 75 percent of these are
19 fatalities caused by drowning; and

20 WHEREAS, The vast majority of these accidents are caused
21 by human error or poor judgment and not by the boat, equipment,

1 or environmental factors; and

2 WHEREAS, A significant number of boaters who lose their
3 lives by drowning each year would be alive today had they worn
4 their life jacket; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
6 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
7 we declare May 21-27, 2022 as "Safe Boating Week" in the State
8 of Illinois and urge all those who boat to practice safe
9 boating habits and wear a life jacket at all times while
10 boating; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to the National Safe Boating Council as a symbol of
13 our respect and esteem.