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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 72

BY REPRESENTATIVE BOURRIAQUE

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Designates May 22 through 28, 2021, as "Safe Boating Week" in Louisiana

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To designate the week of May 22 through 28, 2021, as Safe Boating Week in Louisiana.
3	WHEREAS, the United States has over thirteen million boats and three hundred
4	sixteen thousand of those boats are on Louisiana waters; and
5	WHEREAS, the vast majority of boating incidents are caused by human error or poor
6	judgment and not by boat, equipment, or environmental factors; and
7	WHEREAS, seventy-five percent of the state's fatalities on the water are due to
8	drowning; and
9	WHEREAS, a significant number of boaters who lose their lives by drowning each
0	year would be alive today had they worn their life jackets; and
1	WHEREAS, while boats are a marvelous source of recreation, unknowledgeable boat
12	operators are a risk to other boaters when they do not know or obey the navigation rules of
13	the road, drink alcohol or take drugs while operating a boat, or choose not to wear a life
14	jacket; and
15	WHEREAS, wearing a life jacket, as a precautionary measure, could save eighty
16	percent of the lives of those who fall into the water unexpectedly; and
17	WHEREAS, the wildfire enforcement agents of the Louisiana Department of
18	Wildlife and Fisheries do an outstanding job educating and providing public safety services
9	on our state's waterways in an effort to promote and protect the safety of over two million
20	two hundred thousand boaters who enjoy Louisiana's waterways each year; and

- 1 WHEREAS, boating knowledge and skills are important in reducing human error and
- 2 improving judgment and if people are aware of the risk they are more likely to take the
- 3 precautionary measures to protect themselves, their friends, family, and others, which is why
- 4 we must spread the message of boating safety education in our state.
- 5 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
- 6 recognize the importance of boating safety and designates the week of May 22 through 28,
- 7 2021, as Safe Boating Week in the state of Louisiana.

## **DIGEST**

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