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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 U.S.
7 Coast Guard estimates that human error accounts for most
8 boating accidents and that life jackets could prevent nearly
9 75% of boating fatalities; and

10 WHEREAS, On average, 650 people die each year in
11 boating-related accidents in the U.S., with 75% of these
12 accidents resulting in fatalities caused by drowning; and

13 WHEREAS, The vast majority of these accidents are caused
14 by human error or poor judgment and not by the boat, equipment,
15 or environmental factors; and

16 WHEREAS, A significant number of boaters who lose their
17 lives by drowning each year would be alive today had they worn
18 their life jacket; and

19 WHEREAS, Basic boating safety procedures, such as carrying
20 lifesaving emergency distress and communications equipment,

1 wearing life jackets, attending safe boating courses,
2 participating in free boat safety checks, and staying sober
3 when navigating, can help ensure boaters on America's coastal,
4 inland, and offshore waters stay safe throughout the season;
5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
7 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
8 we declare May 18 through May 24, 2024 as Safe Boating Week in
9 the State of Illinois; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That we urge all those who boat to practice safe
11 boating habits and wear a life jacket at all times while
12 boating; and be it further

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