



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The North American Safe Boating Campaign,  
3 sponsored by the National Safe Boating Council, the United  
4 States Coast Guard, and several other American and Canadian  
5 organizations, educates recreational boaters on the rules and  
6 procedures of safe boating; and

7 WHEREAS, National Safe Boating Week traditionally marks  
8 the start of the campaign and "highlights the need for boaters  
9 to take command of their safety by wearing a life jacket at all  
10 times while on the water"; and

11 WHEREAS, Drowning remains the number one cause of death  
12 among victims of fatal boating accidents; on average, 700  
13 people die each year in boating-related accidents in the U.S.  
14 and nearly 70% of these are fatalities caused by drowning; and

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

18 WHEREAS, A significant number of boaters who lose their  
19 lives by drowning each year would be alive today had they worn  
20 their life jackets; modern life jackets are more comfortable,  
21 more attractive, and more wearable than styles of years past  
22 and deserve a fresh look by today's boating public; and

23 WHEREAS, There are five tips for boating safely: wear your  
24 life jacket, stay sober, take a safe boating course, get your  
25 boat checked (the Coast Guard Auxiliary offers a free vessel  
26 safety check), and be aware of carbon monoxide, a poisonous gas  
27 that is odorless, colorless, and can be lethal; therefore, be  
28 it

29 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

1 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
2 we recognize the week of May 21, 2005, through May 27, 2005, as  
3 Boat Smart. Boat Safe. Wear It. Week in Illinois; and be it  
4 further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
6 presented to the National Safe Boating Council.