**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO URGE THE CITIZENS OF SOUTH CAROLINA TO PRACTICE SAFE BOATING HABITS, ESPECIALLY THE WEARING OF LIFE JACKETS, AND TO DECLARE MAY 16‑22, 2009, AS SAFE BOATING WEEK IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, on average, seven hundred people die each year in boating‑related accidents in the United States, and nearly seventy percent of these are fatalities caused by drowning; and

Whereas, the vast majority of these accidents are caused by human error or poor judgment, not by the boat, equipment, or environmental factors; and

Whereas, a significant number of boaters who lose their lives by drowning each year would be alive today had they worn their life jackets; and

Whereas, modern life jackets are more comfortable, more attractive, and more wearable than styles of years past and deserve a fresh look by today’s boating public; and

Whereas, in light of the many lives spared yearly because of the wearing of a life jacket, the General Assembly strongly encourages all South Carolina boaters to don this life‑saving equipment when on the water, and, to encourage further compliance with this and other important water‑safety guidelines, the members hereby declare the week of May 16‑22, 2009, as Safe Boating Week in South Carolina. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, urge the citizens of South Carolina to practice safe boating habits, especially the wearing of life jackets, and declare May 16‑22, 2009, as Safe Boating Week in South Carolina.

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

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