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H. RES. 1392

Supporting the designation of a “National Learn to Swim Week” beginning on the 4th Sunday in June.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NORCROSS (for himself, Mr. BACON, Ms. NORTON, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. KENNEDY of New York, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, and Mr. KEATING) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

RESOLUTION

Supporting the designation of a “National Learn to Swim Week” beginning on the 4th Sunday in June.

Whereas, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), drowning remains the leading cause of death among children ages 1 to 4, is the second-leading cause of unintentional injury death among children ages 5 to 14 in the United States, and is in the top 10 leading causes of unintentional injury death across all age groups;

Whereas CDC data indicate that in recent years, an estimated 4,000 fatal unintentional drownings occur annually in the United States, including boating-related incidents, equivalent to 11 deaths per day;

Whereas an additional 8,000 nonfatal drownings occur each year, often resulting in long-term neurological and cognitive disabilities;

Whereas a study supported by the National Institutes of Health found that formal swimming lessons can reduce the risk of drowning among young children by 88 percent;

Whereas it is important to practice additional water safety precautions to help prevent drowning, such as—

- (1) close and active supervision;
- (2) preventing unsupervised access to water, including four-sided isolation fencing that fully encloses pool areas;
- (3) ensuring that children, inexperienced swimmers, and all boaters wear Coast Guard-approved life jackets; and
- (4) swimming in lifeguarded areas;

Whereas lack of access to designated swimming areas, lack of available swim and water safety lessons, financial constraints, and limited instruction tailored to cultural and logistical needs contribute to disproportionate drowning risks among underserved communities;

Whereas the USA Swimming Foundation reports that 64 percent of African-American children, 45 percent of Hispanic and Latino children, and 40 percent of White children lack basic swimming skills, and if a parent does not know how to swim, there is only a 19-percent chance that a child in their household will learn to swim, which underscores the urgent need for expanded access to lessons for people of all ages;

Whereas learning to swim not only reduces the risk of drownings but also promotes physical health, self-confidence, and inclusion in recreational and competitive aquatic activities for a lifetime; and

Whereas learning to swim is not just a life skill but a life-saving skill: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That—

2 (1) the House of Representatives supports the
3 designation of a “National Learn to Swim Week” to
4 raise awareness of water safety and to encourage
5 families and communities to take action; and

6 (2) it is the sense of the House of Representa-
7 tives that—

8 (A) learning to swim is a lifesaving skill
9 that helps reduce the risk of drowning, and
10 every child and adult in the United States
11 should have the opportunity to learn;

12 (B) Federal, State, and local governments
13 should promote and support access to swim-
14 ming lessons, including through public funding,
15 education initiatives, and partnerships with
16 community-based organizations;

17 (C) schools and youth-serving organiza-
18 tions should be encouraged to integrate water
19 safety education into their curricula and extra-
20 curricular programs;

1 (D) Congress should support a national ef-
2 fort to reduce drowning deaths by supporting
3 the United States National Water Safety Action
4 Plan, whose mission is to prevent drowning in
5 the United States through evidence-informed
6 action; and

7 (E) Congress should support a national ef-
8 fort to reduce drowning deaths, through track-
9 ing of fatal and nonfatal drowning, expanded
10 lifesaving swim instructions, public awareness
11 campaigns, and infrastructure investment.

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