

H. Res. 323

In the House of Representatives, U.S.,

July 25, 2003.

Whereas Americans place a high value on recreation time and the ability to access one of the United States' greatest natural resources, its waterways;

Whereas, in 1928, the word "marina" was adopted by the National Association of Engine and Boat Manufacturers to define a recreational boating facility;

Whereas the United States is home to over 12,000 marinas that contribute substantially to their local communities by providing safe, reliable gateways to boating for members of their communities and their guests;

Whereas marinas help preserve their environments by protecting the surrounding waterways, permitting not only this generation but future generations to enjoy these precious natural resources;

Whereas the Nation's marinas provide their communities and visitors with a place where friends and families, united by a passion for the water, can come together for recreation, rest, and relaxation;

Whereas more than 140,000 people are employed at marinas, which create jobs and generate tax revenues for their communities;

Whereas the Marina Operators Association of America has proclaimed August 9, 2003, to be National Marina Day: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

- (1) supports the goals and ideals of National Marina Day;
- (2) recognizes America's marinas for their many contributions to their local communities; and
- (3) urges all Americans to become more aware of the overall contributions marinas make to the well-being of the United States.

Attest:

Clerk.