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S. RES. 235

Designating July 1, 2007, as “National Boating Day”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 14, 2007

Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself and Mr. VITTER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JUNE 21, 2007

Reported by Mr. LEAHY, without amendment

RESOLUTION

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Whereas the United States boating population exceeds 73,000,000 individuals utilizing and enjoying nearly 18,000,000 recreational watercraft;

Whereas the recreational boating industry provides more than \$39,000,000,000 in sales and services to the United States economy and provides nearly 380,000 manufacturing jobs;

Whereas there are approximately 1,400 active boat builders in the United States with parts and materials being contributed from all fifty States;

Whereas boating appeals to all age groups and is a haven for relaxation that includes sailing, diving, fishing, water skiing, tubing, sightseeing, swimming, and more;

Whereas boaters serve as monitors and stewards of the environment, educating future generations in the value of this country's abundant water and other natural resources; and

Whereas Congress passed the Federal Boat Safety Act of 1971 and later created the Aquatic Resources Trust Fund in 1984, both of these actions having resulted in a decline in the rate of boating injuries: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates July 1, 2007, as “National Boating Day”;

3 (2) recognizes the value of recreational boating
4 and commemorates the boating industry of the
5 United States for its environmental stewardship and
6 innumerable contributions to the economy and to the
7 mental and physical health of those who enjoy boats;
8 and
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10 (3) urges citizens, policy makers, and elected
11 officials to celebrate National Boating Day and to
12 become more aware of the overall contributions of
13 boating to the lives of the people of the United
14 States and to the Nation.

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