

112TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. RES. 658

Supporting the goals and ideals of International Water Safety Day.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 15, 2012

Mr. FATTAH submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on Energy and Commerce

RESOLUTION

Supporting the goals and ideals of International Water
Safety Day.

Whereas International Water Safety Day is celebrated to
bring awareness to the ongoing drowning epidemic and
educate people in becoming safer in and around the
water;

Whereas fatal unintentional drowning is the second leading
cause of death for children 1 to 14 years of age;

Whereas fatal unintentional drowning is the sixth leading
cause of death for people of all ages;

Whereas an estimated 388,000 people died from drowning,
making drowning a major public health problem world-
wide and accounting for nearly 10 percent of total global
mortality;

Whereas drowning deaths are an epidemic;

Whereas drowning is the third leading cause of unintentional injury death, accounting for 7 percent of all injury-related deaths;

Whereas water safety education and water safety awareness can help curve the number of drowning fatalities;

Whereas research shows that formal swimming lessons can reduce the risk of drowning by 88 percent among children aged 1 to 4 years old;

Whereas courses such as CPR have shown to improve outcomes for drowning victims since interventions occur more quickly;

Whereas water safety is a life skill that can be taught; and

Whereas water safety education should be included in primary and secondary school education: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) supports the goals and ideals of Inter-
3 national Water Safety Day;

4 (2) acknowledges that water safety education
5 should be included in primary and secondary school
6 education;

7 (3) acknowledges the importance of water safe-
8 ty and that every person should engage in water
9 safety education; and

10 (4) acknowledges that every person should learn
11 to swim.

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