

115TH CONGRESS  
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# H. RES. 871

Expressing support for the designation of the week of June 2, 2018, through June 10, 2018, as National Fishing and Boating Week.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 7, 2018

Mr. JOYCE of Ohio (for himself, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. MACARTHUR, and Ms. FRANKEL of Florida) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## RESOLUTION

Expressing support for the designation of the week of June 2, 2018, through June 10, 2018, as National Fishing and Boating Week.

Whereas over 142 million Americans go boating each year, including 71.1 million adults and 70.5 million children;

Whereas the recreational boating industry contributes \$121.5 billion to the national economy in direct, indirect, and induced spending, which supports over 34,000 businesses and 650,000 direct and indirect jobs in the United States;

Whereas the Bureau of Economic Analysis of the Department of Commerce has estimated that recreational boating and

fishing contributes \$38.2 billion to the United States gross domestic product;

Whereas 95 percent of boats sold in the United States are made in the United States;

Whereas there are approximately 1,400 active marine manufacturers in the United States, using materials and services contributed from all 50 States;

Whereas boaters are stewards of the environment, contributing \$600 million in excise taxes annually to the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund which funds habitat conservation and restoration efforts, preserving our natural resources for future generations; and

Whereas boating provides opportunities for families to be together, appeals to all age groups, and has a beneficial effect on the physical fitness and scholastic performance of those who participate: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2               (1) supports the designation of National Fish-  
3       ing and Boating Week; and

4               (2) recognizes that the recreational boating  
5       community and the boating industry of the United  
6       States should be commended for their numerous  
7       contributions to the economy of the United States,  
8       the well-being of United States citizens, and respon-  
9       sible environmental stewardship of water resources  
10      of the United States.

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