

By Representatives King, Tobin, Ritchie, Brown, Thrasher, Smith, Sembler, Maygarden, Argenziano, Murman, Dockery, Arnold, Livingston and Merchant

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House Resolution

A resolution recognizing April 20, 1998, as  
Personal Watercraft Education and Safety Day.

WHEREAS, with its hundreds of miles of coastline and its many pristine lakes and water bodies, Florida is a favorite state for thousands who enjoy water sports of all kinds, and

WHEREAS, the Personal Watercraft Industry Association, composed of leading manufacturers of personal watercraft and jet boats, is committed to the promotion of safe and responsible boating and the protection of Florida's environment, and

WHEREAS, the Personal Watercraft Industry Association worked with the Florida Boating Advisory Council in drafting recommendations for reducing personal watercraft accidents and user conflicts on the state's waterways, and its international safety campaign, Ride Smart from the Start, was applauded by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators, and

WHEREAS, in a partnership with the Florida Marine Patrol, the Personal Watercraft Industry Association contributed toward the reduction in production costs of Florida's safety course, How to Boat Smart, and members were presented certificates of appreciation by the Department of Environmental Protection for continued support of safe boating in Florida, and

WHEREAS, the Personal Watercraft Industry Association provides loaner watercraft and training to the Florida Marine Patrol, the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, and other governmental agencies in the state responsible for

1 marine law enforcement and rescue and education programs, and  
2 has demonstrated its commitment to Indian River dolphin and  
3 manatee by providing support and loaner watercraft to groups  
4 involved in research and protection of these species, and

5           WHEREAS, because of the aggressive stance of the  
6 Personal Watercraft Industry Association in promoting water  
7 safety and the protection of the environment, NOW, THEREFORE,

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9 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
10 Florida:

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12           That the House of Representatives hereby expresses its  
13 gratitude to the Personal Watercraft Industry Association for  
14 its commitment to water safety and the environment and joins  
15 in recognizing April 20, 1998, as Personal Watercraft  
16 Education and Safety Day.