

1 House Resolution

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

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

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

14 WHEREAS, the Personal Watercraft Industry Association  
15 worked with the Florida Boating Advisory Council in drafting  
16 recommendations for reducing personal watercraft accidents and  
17 user conflicts on the state's waterways, and its international  
18 safety campaign, Ride Smart from the Start, was applauded by  
19 the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators,  
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21 WHEREAS, in a partnership with the Florida Marine  
22 Patrol, the Bombardier Motor Corporation of America, one of  
23 the members of the Personal Watercraft Industry Association,  
24 contributed toward the reduction in production costs of  
25 Florida's safety course, How to Boat Smart, and members were  
26 presented certificates of appreciation by the Department of  
27 Environmental Protection for continued support of safe boating  
28 in Florida, and

29 WHEREAS, the Bombardier Motor Corporation of America  
30 provides loaner watercraft and training to the Florida Marine  
31 Patrol, the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, and

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

6           WHEREAS, because of the aggressive stance of the  
7 Personal Watercraft Industry Association and its affiliated  
8 members in promoting water safety and the protection of the  
9 environment, NOW, THEREFORE,

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11 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
12 Florida:

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14           That the House of Representatives hereby expresses its  
15 gratitude to the Personal Watercraft Industry Association and  
16 Bombardier Motor Corporation of America for their commitment  
17 to water safety and the environment and joins in recognizing  
18 April 20, 1998, as Personal Watercraft Education and Safety  
19 Day.

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