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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution designating April 2008 as Swimming Pool
3 Safety Month.

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5 WHEREAS, the State of Florida has more than one million
6 swimming pools, over 37,000 of which are public facilities
7 regulated by the Department of Health, and

8 WHEREAS, residential and commercial swimming pools and spas
9 add to the enjoyment, quality of life, and health of our
10 citizens and visitors, and

11 WHEREAS, swimming pools and spas are recreational
12 facilities promoting the social gathering of families and
13 friends in a large percentage of Florida residences, and

14 WHEREAS, Florida hotels and condominiums have thousands of
15 swimming pools, spas, and wading pools used by even more
16 visitors and guests, and

17 WHEREAS, the education of building code and health
18 department officials, swimming pool designers and contractors,
19 and pool owners is paramount to ensuring pool safety, and

20 WHEREAS, the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act
21 was recently signed into law by the President of the United
22 States, providing mandatory safety measures for public pool
23 facilities, incentive programs for residential pools, and
24 overall outreach and education on swimming pool safety, and

25 WHEREAS, a new national consensus safety standard,
26 ANSI/APSP 7 Suction Entrapment Avoidance, was developed by the
27 American National Standards Institute and adopted by the Florida

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28 Building Commission, making the State of Florida a leader in
29 preventing serious injury from entrapment, and

30 WHEREAS, chapter 515, Florida Statutes, provides for the
31 Residential Swimming Pool Safety Act with a focus on backyard
32 pool safety and the prevention of drowning, and

33 WHEREAS, the Florida Swimming Pool Association (FSPA) and
34 the Florida Department of Health's Office of Injury Prevention
35 are co-hosting the 2008 Swimming Pool & Water Safety Forum to
36 increase safety awareness of consumers, pool industry
37 representatives, and government officials, and

38 WHEREAS, the Florida Swimming Pool Association continues to
39 promote safety messages to consumers and strives to educate the
40 pool industry on correct safety measures regarding barriers,
41 entrapment, and child supervision through classes, informative
42 brochures, and the new FSPA safety program, and

43 WHEREAS, swimming pool and spa injuries and accidents can
44 be prevented through the responsible behavior and preventive
45 actions of swimmers, owners, and those responsible for the
46 facilities, and

47 WHEREAS, the communication of swimming pool and spa safety
48 through the media during the peak period of use by consumers can
49 create increased safety awareness and promote the installation
50 and use of safety devices, NOW, THEREFORE,

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52 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
53 Florida:

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55 That April 2008 is hereby designated as Swimming Pool
56 Safety Month.