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House Resolution

A resolution recognizing April 2009 as "Swimming Pool Safety Month."

WHEREAS, the State of Florida has more than 1 million swimming pools, more than 37,000 of which are public facilities regulated by the Department of Health, and

WHEREAS, residential and commercial swimming pools and spas add to the enjoyment and quality of life and the health of the state's residents and visitors, and

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, a national consensus safety standard, ANSI/APSP 7 Suction Entrapment Avoidance, was developed in accordance with the American National Standards Institute, and adopted by the Florida Building Commission, making the State of Florida a

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29 leader in preventing serious injury from entrapment, and
 30 WHEREAS, chapter 515, Florida Statutes, provides for the
 31 Residential Swimming Pool Safety Act, which focuses on backyard
 32 pool safety and the prevention of drowning, and

33 WHEREAS, the Florida Swimming Pool Association and the
 34 Department of Health's Office of Injury Prevention continue to
 35 promote safety awareness to consumers, pool industry
 36 representatives, and government officials, and

37 WHEREAS, swimming pool and spa injuries and accidents can
 38 be prevented through the responsible behavior and preventative
 39 actions of swimmers, pool owners, and those responsible for the
 40 facilities, and

41 WHEREAS, mass media communications concerning swimming pool
 42 and spa safety during the peak period of use by consumers can
 43 create increased safety awareness and promote the installation
 44 and use of safety devices, NOW, THEREFORE,

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 46 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
 47 Florida:

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 49 That April 2009 is declared to be Swimming Pool Safety
 50 Month.