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House Resolution

A resolution recognizing 2022 as "The Year of Water Skiing" in Florida.

WHEREAS, the sport of water skiing was invented in 1922 when, after 5 days of trial and error, young thrill seeker, Ralph Samuelson, managed to use skis to glide across Minnesota's Lake Pepin, and

WHEREAS, water skiing was popularized by Dick Pope, Sr., who filmed newsreels of elaborate water ski shows on Lake Eloise in the Cypress Gardens theme park, catching the attention of Hollywood and leading to the park's feature in the 1953 film "Easy to Love," and

WHEREAS, water skiing is part of the water sports industry which contributes to the state's tourism industry, and

WHEREAS, the City of Winter Haven is known as the "Water Ski Capital of the World" and will host the fifth International Waterski and Wakeboard Federation World Water Ski Show Tournament in October 2022, capping off the centennial celebration of water skiing, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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