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H. RES. 1385

Expressing support for the designation of National Marina Day to honor America's marinas for their many contributions to their local communities and create awareness amongst citizens, policymakers, elected officials, and employees of the overall contributions of marinas to their well-being.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 29, 2008

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan (for herself, Mr. LATOURETTE, and Mr. LOBIONDO) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

RESOLUTION

Expressing support for the designation of National Marina Day to honor America's marinas for their many contributions to their local communities and create awareness amongst citizens, policymakers, elected officials, and employees of the overall contributions of marinas to their well-being.

Whereas we, the citizens of the United States, place a high value on our recreation time and our ability to access one of our country's greatest natural resources: its waterways;

Whereas in 1928, the word "marina" was used for the very first time by the National Association of Engine and

Boat Manufacturers to define a recreational boating facility;

Whereas the United States is home to over 12,000 recreational boating facilities that contribute substantially to their local communities by providing safe, reliable gateways to boating for members of their communities and welcomed guests;

Whereas America's marinas establish a unique identity for waterfront communities and promote a high quality of life for its residents;

Whereas America's marinas play an integral role in the boating and recreation community by providing local knowledge, boat storage, washing and repair facilities, refueling stations, and a sheltered refuge from the elements;

Whereas America's marinas encourage the development of businesses and restaurants to supplement the marina, thereby bringing vital economic activity to the region;

Whereas America's marinas play a critical role in the defense of our Nation by partnering with the Coast Guard to search for suspicious activity along our oceanic borders;

Whereas America's marinas also serve as stewards of the environment, actively seeking to protect the surrounding waterways not only for the enjoyment of this generation, but for generations to come;

Whereas America's marinas also provide their communities and visitors a place where the 73,000,000 boating enthusiasts, their friends, and their families can spend time together for recreation and relaxation;

Whereas the United States' marinas will continue to provide environmentally-friendly gateways to boating for the citizens of, and the visitors to, our great Nation; and

Whereas August 9, 2008, would be an appropriate day to designate as National Marina Day: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) commemorates the marinas of the United
3 States for providing environmentally-friendly gate-
4 ways to boating for the citizens of, and visitors to,
5 the United States; and

6 (2) expresses support for the designation of a
7 National Marina Day in order to—

8 (A) honor the marinas of the United
9 States for their many contributions to their
10 local communities; and

11 (B) make citizens, policy makers, elected
12 officials, and employees more aware of the over-
13 all contributions marinas make to their well-
14 being.

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