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Recognizing the contributions of the recreational boating community and the boating industry to the continuing prosperity of the United States.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. KOHL (for himself and Mr. BURR) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the contributions of the recreational boating community and the boating industry to the continuing prosperity of the United States.

Whereas the recreational boating community in the United States includes over 59,000,000 individuals;

Whereas the boating industry contributes more than \$33,000,000,000 annually to the United States economy, and provides jobs for 337,000 citizens of the United States who earn wages totaling \$10,400,000,000 annually;

Whereas recreational boaters often serve as stewards of the marine environment of the United States, educating others of the value of marine resources, and preserving the resources for the enjoyment of future generations;

Whereas there are approximately 1,400 active boat builders in the United States, using materials and services contributed from all 50 States;

Whereas recreational boating provides opportunities for families to be together, appeals to all age groups, and benefits the physical fitness and scholastic performance of those who participate; and

Whereas, July 1, 2009, would be an appropriate day to establish as National Boating Day: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) commends the recreational boating commu-
 3 nity and the boating industry of the United States
 4 for contributing to the economy of the United
 5 States, benefitting the well-being of United States
 6 citizens, and providing responsible environmental
 7 stewardship of the marine resources of the United
 8 States; and

9 (2) encourages the United States to observe
 10 National Boating Day with appropriate programs
 11 and activities that emphasize family involvement and
 12 provide an opportunity to promote the boating in-
 13 dustry.

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