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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, During the week of May 7-14, 2019, the Texas
2 Drowning Prevention Alliance is joining together with water safety
3 advocates and partners to commemorate Drowning Awareness Week in
4 the State of Texas; and

5 WHEREAS, Drowning is the second leading cause of death among
6 children under 14 years of age; many drowning and near-drowning
7 accidents can be prevented by following basic safety measures such
8 as supervising children when they are in or around water, learning
9 CPR and first aid, having youths wear life jackets, and enrolling
10 young children in formal swimming lessons, which can help protect
11 them from drowning by as much as 88 percent; and

12 WHEREAS, The Texas Drowning Prevention Alliance and its
13 partners are setting aside a week to help raise public awareness
14 about the importance of water safety and to reinforce education
15 among those who operate and oversee swimming pools, water
16 playgrounds, hot tubs, and other venues; Drowning Awareness Week
17 serves as an opportunity for Texas families who have been impacted
18 by drowning to share personal stories and to memorialize victims of
19 drowning and for water safety advocates to conduct educational
20 outreach aimed at preventing future tragedies; and

21 WHEREAS, All Texans have a role to play in mitigating the risk
22 of accidental drowning, and Drowning Awareness Week helps focus
23 attention on the steps that can be taken to promote safety around
24 water; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
2 Legislature hereby recognize May 7-14, 2019, as Drowning Awareness
3 Week and commend the Texas Drowning Prevention Alliance and other
4 dedicated individuals for their year-round efforts to save lives;
5 and, be it further

6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
7 prepared for the Texas Drowning Prevention Alliance as an
8 expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.