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118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

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Supporting the goals and ideals of World Drowning Prevention Day.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. OMAR submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Supporting the goals and ideals of World Drowning
Prevention Day.

Whereas drowning is the third-leading cause of unintentional injury death worldwide, accounting for 7 percent of all injury-related deaths;

Whereas drowning has caused more than 2,500,000 preventable deaths in the past decade, a silent epidemic of preventable loss;

Whereas drowning is among the 10 leading causes of death for children and young people aged 1–24 years in every region of the world;

Whereas flood-related disasters increasingly affect millions of people globally due in part to the escalating adverse im-

pacts of climate change, and drowning is the leading cause of deaths during floods;

Whereas more than 90 percent of drowning deaths occur in rivers, lakes, wells, domestic water storage vessels, and swimming pools in low- and middle-income countries;

Whereas over 90 percent of global drowning occurs in low- and middle-income countries, and in high-income countries, drowning rates are high among certain age groups and among minority ethnic groups;

Whereas the human, social, and economic toll of these losses is intolerably high, and entirely preventable;

Whereas the World Health Organization has set out six evidence-based, low-cost drowning prevention interventions that countries and organizations can use to drastically reduce the risk of drowning, including—

(1) teaching school-age children basic swimming, water safety, and safe rescue skills;

(2) providing safe places away from water for pre-school children;

(3) installing barriers to better prevent access to water;

(4) training bystanders in safe rescue and resuscitation;

(5) setting and enforcing boating, shipping, and ferry regulations; and

(6) improving flood risk management locally and nationally; and

Whereas the United Nations General Assembly adopted a historic resolution in April 2021 recognizing the scale and impact of drowning globally, calling for coordinated multisectoral action to prevent drowning, and declaring

July 25 World Drowning Prevention Day: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) supports the goals and ideals of World
3 Drowning Prevention Day to catalyze concrete ac-
4 tion and generate attention globally for drowning
5 prevention and improved water safety;

6 (2) recognizes the importance of this global ad-
7 vocacy event as an opportunity to highlight the trag-
8 ic and profound impact of drowning on families and
9 communities and offer lifesaving solutions to prevent
10 it; and

11 (3) encourages intergovernment cooperation to
12 develop new drowning prevention policies, legislation,
13 or investment, and to convene multisectoral
14 roundtables or parliamentary discussions.