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**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. _____**

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1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION urging Congress to study the
2 regulation of duck boats and the duck boat tourism industry.

3 *Whereas, Duck boats are amphibious vehicles allowing*
4 *passengers to enjoy sight-seeing tours on land and water while*
5 *remaining in the same vehicle;*

6 *Whereas, General Motors produced the first DUKW "duck"*
7 *boats during World War II for easy transport of weapons,*
8 *ammunition, troops, and supplies from ship to shore and across*
9 *other bodies of water;*

10 *Whereas, More than 20,000 duck boats were produced by*
11 *the end of World War II, and the vehicles were destroyed or*
12 *later modified by entrepreneurs to provide water-based tours*
13 *for tourism across the United States;*

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1 *Whereas, The National Transportation Safety Board reports*
2 *that multiple incidents involving duck boats have resulted in*
3 *death and has published recommendations for consideration by*
4 *the United States government and commercial duck boat*
5 *operators;*

6 *Whereas, Seventeen people between the ages of 1 and 76,*
7 *including nine passengers from one Hoosier family, died on*
8 *July 19, 2018, when a duck boat capsized in rough waters*
9 *during a tour in Branson, Missouri;*

10 *Whereas, Safety regulation and oversight provided by the*
11 *federal government helps to protect Hoosiers and other tourists*
12 *across the United States; and*

13 *Whereas, A review of existing government oversight and*
14 *regulation of the duck boat tour industry is necessary to*
15 *maintain the safety and well-being of Hoosiers and all*
16 *Americans for years to come: Therefore,*

17 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the*
18 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

19 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives
20 urges Congress to study the regulation of duck boats and the
21 duck boat tourism industry.

