

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 202

BY REPRESENTATIVE BARROW

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Designates the month of May as Sonja and Jonathan Anderson Water Safety Month in Louisiana

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To recognize May of 2014 as Sonja and Jonathan Anderson Water Safety Month in the state
3 of Louisiana.

4 WHEREAS, Sonja and Jonathan Anderson, the wife and son of Johnny Anderson,
5 a prominent political figure in north Baton Rouge, both died in May of 2010, from drowning
6 in the family pool; and

7 WHEREAS, Sonja Anderson was attempting to rescue her two-year-old son who had
8 driven his tricycle into the pool, and she jumped in after him even though she could not
9 swim; and

10 WHEREAS, Johnny Anderson created the Sonja and Jonathan Anderson Aquatics
11 Foundation to teach families how to swim and raise awareness of water safety, and he plans
12 to award scholarships for swimming lessons once his fundraising has reached \$25,000; and

13 WHEREAS, Anderson worked for former Governor Kathleen Blanco and served as
14 chairman of the Southern University System board, and he relies on his faith for inner
15 strength.

16 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
17 Legislature of Louisiana recognizes the month of May 2014 as "Sonja and Jonathan
18 Anderson Water Safety Month" and encourages all citizens of the state to educate and
19 inform others about water safety.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
21 to Johnny Anderson.

DIGEST

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