

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 202

BY REPRESENTATIVE BARROW

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES