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ACR-86 California Fishing and Boating Week. (2021-2022)

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 86

CHAPTER 60

Relative to California Fishing and Boating Week.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 86, Gipson. California Fishing and Boating Week.

This measure would proclaim the week of June 5, 2021, through June 13, 2021, as California Fishing and Boating Week.

Fiscal Committee: no

WHEREAS, National Fishing and Boating Week, June 5, 2021, through June 13, 2021, is a fantastic opportunity for families to spend time together on the water; it is a special week, filled with events nationwide that provide families an opportunity to reconnect, create new memories, and have fun together on the water; and

WHEREAS, Fishing and boating are cherished American traditions, activities that promote family values and unity, as well as wholesome recreation and outdoor lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, Approximately 141.6 million Americans go boating each year, including 71.1 million adults and 70.5 million children; and

WHEREAS, The recreational boating industry contributes \$170.3 billion to the national economy in direct, indirect, and induced spending, which supports over 35,000 businesses and 691,000 direct and indirect jobs in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Ninety-five percent of boats sold in the United States are made in the United States, with approximately 1,300 active marine manufacturers in the United States, using materials and services contributed from all 50 states; and

WHEREAS, There are 49 million total anglers in the United States who help generate a total economic output of \$125 billion and 802,000 jobs; and

WHEREAS, Anglers and boaters are stewards of the environment, contributing \$1.6 billion in excise taxes annually to the federal Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund, which funds habitat conservation and restoration efforts, preserving our natural resources for future generations; and

WHEREAS, Sport fishing is vital to California's tourism economy, with 2 million anglers spending \$2.9 billion while fishing, supporting \$5.2 billion in economic output and 37,000 jobs; and

WHEREAS, Recreational boating is vital to the California economy, with an annual impact of \$13 billion, including 41,125 jobs, 2,820 businesses, and 745,641 registered boats; and

WHEREAS, Recreational boating and angling has seen a resurgence of interest during the COVID-19 pandemic as families and individuals look for safe and responsible recreational outdoor activities; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby proclaims the week of June 5, 2021, through June 13, 2021, as California Fishing and Boating Week; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.