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Senate Bill 69 ***OHIO GOES BOATING MONTH*** *Senator Randy Gardner*

Mr. Chairman. Members of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

I am pleased to join Senate Majority Whip Gayle Manning in sponsoring Senate Bill 69, legislating designating June as "Ohio Goes Boating Month."

Boating is an integral part of Ohio's economy, especially along the great north coast of our state on Lake Erie. Organizations such as the Boating Associations of Ohio and the Lake Erie Marine Trades Association know the value to businesses and families boating provides, and so should all of us who care about strengthening Ohio's economy. These organizations and others believe the designation of June as "Ohio Goes Boating Month" will additionally help highlight what boating has to offer to Ohio families and visitors who come to our state for dozens of boating opportunities throughout our state.

I believe this may be the first time in my legislative career that I have been a primary sponsor of a bill seeking to name a day or month for a special cause. I believe this proposal merits support, and I hope to work with the committee toward passage.

Thank you.