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To ensure that amounts credited to the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund are used for harbor maintenance.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 22, 2013

Mr. BOUSTANY (for himself, Mr. COURTNEY, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mrs. MILLER of Michigan, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. BRADY of Texas, Mr. MCCAUL, Mr. RIBBLE, Mr. MICHAUD, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. JONES, Mr. GRIMM, Mr. NADLER, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. HARPER, Mr. DINGELL, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. FARENTHOLD, Mr. SCHRADER, Mr. CARNEY, Mr. SOUTHERLAND, Ms. PINGREE of Maine, Mr. BUCSHON, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. HIMES, Mr. FLEMING, Mr. WALBERG, Ms. SPEIER, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. GRIFFIN of Arkansas, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Mr. HIGGINS, and Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the ''Realize America's Maritime Promise Act'' or the ''RAMP Act''.

SEC. 2. FUNDING FOR HARBOR MAINTENANCE PROGRAMS.

(a) HARBOR MAINTENANCE TRUST FUND GUARANTEE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The total budget resources made available from the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund each fiscal year pursuant to section 9505(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to expenditures from the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund) shall be equal to the level of receipts plus interest credited to the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund for that fiscal year. Such amounts may be used only for harbor maintenance programs described in section 9505(c) of such Code.

(2) GUARANTEE.—No funds may be appropriated for harbor maintenance programs described in such section unless the amount described in paragraph (1) has been provided.

(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the following definitions apply:

(1) TOTAL BUDGET RESOURCES.—The term ''total budget resources'' means the total amount made available by appropriations Acts from the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund for a fiscal year for

making expenditures under section 9505(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

(2) LEVEL OF RECEIPTS PLUS INTEREST.—The term ''level of receipts plus interest'' means the level of taxes and interest credited to the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund under section 9505 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 for a fiscal year as set forth in the President's budget baseline projection as defined in section 257 of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (Public Law 99–177) for that fiscal year submitted pursuant to section 1105 of title 31, United States Code.

(c) ENFORCEMENT OF GUARANTEES.—It shall not be in order in the House of Representatives or the Senate to consider any bill, joint resolution, amendment, motion, or conference report that would cause total budget resources in a fiscal year for harbor maintenance programs described in subsection (b)(1) for such fiscal year to be less than the amount required by subsection (a)(1) for such fiscal year.

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