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H. CON. RES. 115

Recognizing Grand Haven, Michigan, as “Coast Guard City, USA”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 15, 1997

Mr. HOEKSTRA (for himself, Mr. BARCIA, Mr. CAMP, Mr. EHLERS, Mr. KNOLLENBERG, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. SMITH of Michigan, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. STUPAK, and Mr. UPTON) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Recognizing Grand Haven, Michigan, as “Coast Guard City, USA”.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Coast Guard City,
5 USA, Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress makes the following findings:

1 (1) The people of Grand Haven, Michigan, have
2 always held a deep affection for the Coast Guard
3 and the men and women who serve in it.

4 (2) This affection has been demonstrated
5 throughout this century, first with a small commu-
6 nity picnic, then with the welcoming of the Coast
7 Guard Cutter Escanaba in 1932.

8 (3) This affection was never more deeply ex-
9 pressed than on August 4, 1943, when citizens of
10 the Grand Haven area assembled not only to cele-
11 brate Coast Guard Day, as they had done for years,
12 but also to remember and pay tribute to those who
13 had lost their lives in service to their country when
14 the Escanaba was torpedoed and sank in the North
15 Atlantic during World War II.

16 (4) The people of Grand Haven again dem-
17 onstrated their love and resolve for the Coast Guard
18 amidst this tragedy by raising \$1,000,000 in war
19 bonds to purchase a replacement cutter the following
20 year.

21 (5) The people of Grand Haven continue to
22 demonstrate their respect for the Coast Guard by
23 paying tribute in a memorial service during the an-
24 nual Grand Haven Coast Guard Festival to those
25 who lost their lives aboard the Escanaba and all men

1 and women who have died serving their country in
2 the Coast Guard.

3 (6) The memorial service is the primary pur-
4 pose of the annual Grand Haven Coast Guard Fes-
5 tival.

6 (7) As part of the 1963 Coast Guard Festival
7 events, Admiral Richard Schmidtman referred to
8 Grand Haven as “Coast Guard City, USA” in rec-
9 ognition of the attention paid to the Coast Guard
10 each year by the city and surrounding communities.

11 (8) Many in the Coast Guard continue to call
12 Grand Haven “Coast Guard City, USA”.

13 (9) People in and around the community of
14 Grand Haven know the city as “Coast Guard City,
15 USA”.

16 (10) The Coast Guard has expressed its enthu-
17 siastic support for official recognition of the city as
18 “Coast Guard City, USA” due to its long history
19 and close relationship with the community of Grand
20 Haven.

21 **SEC. 3. NATIONAL RECOGNITION.**

22 The community of Grand Haven, Michigan, shall be
23 recognized as “Coast Guard City, USA”.

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