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COMMENDING THE AMERICAN SAIL TRAINING ASSOCIATION FOR ITS ADVANCEMENT OF CHARACTER BUILDING UNDER SAIL AND FOR ITS ADVANCEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL GOOD WILL

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Mr. OBERSTAR, from the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H. Res. 197]

The Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to whom was referred the resolution (H. Res. 197) to commend the American Sail Training Association for its advancement of character building under sail and for its advancement of international good will, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with an amendment and recommend that the resolution be agreed to.

The amendment is as follows:

Strike all after the resolving clause and insert the following:

That the House of Representatives—

(1) commends the American Sail Training Association for its advancement of character building experiences for youth at sea in traditionally rigged sailing vessels and its advancement of the finest traditions of the sea; and

(2) commends the American Sail Training Association as the national sail training association of the United States, representing the sail training community of the United States in the international forum.

PURPOSE OF THE LEGISLATION

H. Res. 197, as amended, commends the American Sail Training Association for its work to advance character building under sail and for its advancement of international good will.

BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR LEGISLATION

In 1972, Barclay Warburton III and his family sailed to England and competed in a tall ships race aboard their brigantine, *Black Pearl.* Mr. Warburton was moved by the enthusiasm and spirit he saw in the young people who participated in that race and he set out to create an organization to provide similar experiences in the United States. The result of Mr. Warburton's effort was the founding of the American Sail Training Association (ASTA) in 1973.

Today, ASTA is an internationally respected nonprofit corporation with a mission to encourage character building through sail training on board, under sail, and across the sea. To carry out its mission, ASTA provides character building experiences aboard traditionally rigged sail training vessels. It also operates a scholarship program. ASTA also organizes and participates in tall ship races and maritime festivals involving vessels, trainees and crews from all coasts of the United States and from around the world.

Additionally, ASTA collaborates extensively with the United States Coast Guard and with the USCG *Eagle* and publishes "Sail Tall Ships," a periodic directory of sail training opportunities.

In 2009, ASTA, a founding member of Sail Training International (STI), collaborated with STI and port partners around the Atlantic Ocean to create the Tall Ships Atlantic Challenge 2009—a 7,000-mile trip over the traditional routes around the Atlantic that were followed by ships during the age of sail.

This resolution commends the good work done by ASTA and organizations like ASTA that endeavor to educate our young people through innovation and by offering exciting and unique experiences.

It also commends ASTA as the national sail training association of the United States, representing the sail training community of the United States in international forums.

SUMMARY OF THE LEGISLATION

H. Res. 197, as amended, acknowledges ASTA's mission to encourage character building, promote sail training to the North American public, and to support education on board traditionally rigged sailing vessels. In addition, H. Res. 197, as amended, recognizes that ASTA carries out its mission by providing educational experiences aboard traditionally rigged sail training vessels, supporting more than 200 training vessels and 30 annual sail training conferences throughout the United States and Canada, providing grants and scholarships, and participating in tall ship races and maritime festivals around the world.

H. Res. 197, as amended, also recognizes that ASTA has promoted its goals through: collaboration with the United States Coast Guard and the USCG *Eagle*; publication of "Sail Tall Ships"; support for the Sailing Schools Vessel Act of 1982; representation of the United States as the national sail training organization and a founding member of STI; and collaboration with STI and port partners around the Atlantic Ocean to organize Tall Ships Atlantic Challenge 2009, a 7,000-mile trip around the Atlantic.

H. Res. 197, as amended, commends ASTA for its advancement of character building experiences for youth at sea in traditionally rigged sailing vessels and its advancement of the finest traditions of the sea, and commends ASTA as the national sail training association of the United States, representing the sail training community of the United States in the international forum.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY AND COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

In the 110th Congress, on September 18, 2008, Representative Patrick J. Kennedy introduced H. Res. 1469. No further action was taken on the resolution.

In the 111th Congress, on February 26, 2009, Representative Patrick J. Kennedy introduced H. Res. 197. On January 27, 2010, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure met in open session to consider H. Res. 197. The Committee adopted an amendment to the resolution by voice vote. The Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure ordered H. Res. 197, as amended, reported favorably to the House by voice vote with a quorum present.

RECORD VOTES

Clause 3(b) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives requires each committee report to include the total number of votes cast for and against on each record vote on a motion to report and on any amendment offered to the measure or matter, and the names of those members voting for and against. There were no recorded votes taken in connection with consideration of H. Res. 197, or ordering the resolution, as amended, reported. A motion to order H. Res. 197, as amended, reported favorably to the House was agreed to by voice vote with a quorum present.

COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT FINDINGS

With respect to the requirements of clause 3(c)(1) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee's oversight findings and recommendations are reflected in this report.

COST OF LEGISLATION

With respect to clause 3(c)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, H. Res. 197, as amended, is a resolution of the House of Representatives, and therefore does not have the force of law. As such, there is no cost associated with this resolution for fiscal year 2010, or any fiscal year thereafter.

COMPLIANCE WITH HOUSE RULE XIII

1. With respect to the requirement of clause 3(c)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, and section 308(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Committee advises that the resolution contains no measure that authorizes funding, so no comparison of the total estimated funding level for the relevant programs to the appropriate level under current law is required.

2. With respect to the requirement of clause 3(c)(4) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee advises that the resolution contains no measure that authorizes funding, so no statement of general performance and objectives for any measure that authorizes funding is required.

3. With respect to the requirement of clause 3(c)(3) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives and section 402 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Committee advises that the resolution contains no measure that authorizes funding, so no cost estimate nor comparison for any measure that authorizes funding is required.

COMPLIANCE WITH HOUSE RULE XXI

Pursuant to clause 9 of rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee is required to include a list of congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits,

as defined in clause 9(e), 9(f), and 9(g) of rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives. H. Res. 197, as amended, does not contain any earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits under clause 9(e), 9(f), or 9(g) of rule XXI.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 3(d)(1) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, H. Res. 197, as amended, is a resolution of the House of Representatives, and therefore does not have the force of law. As such, clause 3(d)(1) of rule XIII does not apply.

FEDERAL MANDATES STATEMENT

H. Res. 197, as amended, contains no Federal mandates.

PREEMPTION CLARIFICATION

Section 423 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 requires the report of any Committee on a bill or joint resolution to include a statement on the extent to which the bill or joint resolution is intended to preempt state, local, or tribal law. The Committee states that H. Res. 197, as amended, does not preempt any state, local, or tribal law.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE STATEMENT

No advisory committees within the meaning of section 5(b) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act are created by this legislation.

APPLICABILITY TO THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

The Committee finds that the resolution does not relate to the terms and conditions of employment or access to public services or accommodations within the meaning of section 102(b)(3) of the Congressional Accountability Act (P.L. 104–1).

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW MADE BY THE BILL, AS REPORTED

H. Res. 197, as amended, makes no changes in existing law.

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