

[CHAPTER 550]

JOINT RESOLUTION

To authorize the War Shipping Administration to sell or charter two merchant vessels to the Government of Ireland.

August 6, 1942
[H. J. Res. 246]
[Public Law 701]

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, the War Shipping Administration is authorized, with the approval of the President, to sell or charter the merchant vessels West Neris and West Hematite to the Government of Ireland, upon such terms and conditions as the War Shipping Administration may deem necessary or desirable for the protection of the public interest.

Ireland.
Sale or charter of
merchant vessels.

Approved, August 6, 1942.

[CHAPTER 551]

AN ACT

To amend the Act approved February 4, 1919 (40 Stat. 1056), entitled "An Act to provide for the award of medals of honor, distinguished-service medals, and Navy crosses, and for other purposes", so as to change the conditions for the award of medals, and for other purposes.

August 7, 1942
[S. 2456]
[Public Law 702]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act approved February 4, 1919 (40 Stat. 1056), entitled "An Act to provide for the award of medals of honor, distinguished-service medals, and Navy crosses, and for other purposes", is hereby amended to read as follows:

Navy.
Award of medals,
etc.
34 U. S. C. §§ 354-
364.

"That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized to present, in the name of Congress, a medal of honor to any person who, while in the naval service of the United States, shall, in action involving actual conflict with the enemy, or in the line of his profession, distinguish himself conspicuously by gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty and without detriment to the mission of his command or to the command to which attached: *Provided,* That the design of this medal shall be the same as that adopted pursuant to the Act approved December 21, 1861 (12 Stat. 330).

Medal of honor.

"Sec. 2. That the President be, and he hereby is, further authorized to present, but not in the name of Congress, a Navy cross of appropriate design and ribbon, together with a rosette or other device to be worn in lieu thereof, to any person who, while serving in any capacity with the naval service of the United States, distinguishes himself by extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy.

Proviso.
Design.

Navy cross.

"Sec. 3. That the President be, and he hereby is, further authorized to present, but not in the name of Congress, a distinguished-service medal of appropriate design and a ribbon, together with a rosette or other device to be worn in lieu thereof, to any person who, while serving in any capacity with the Navy of the United States, since the sixth day of April 1917 has distinguished, or who hereafter shall distinguish, himself by exceptionally meritorious service to the Government in a duty of great responsibility.

Distinguished-serv-
ice medal.

"Sec. 4. That the President be, and he hereby is, further authorized to present, but not in the name of Congress, a silver star medal of appropriate design and a ribbon, together with a rosette or other device to be worn in lieu thereof, to any person who, while serving in any capacity with the Navy of the United States, since December 6, 1941, has distinguished himself or who hereafter shall distinguish

Silver star medal.