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H. CON. RES. 222

Expressing the sense of the Congress that a commemorative postage stamp should be issued in honor of the United States merchant marine.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 18, 2003

Mr. ROHRBACHER (for himself and Mr. LoBIONDO) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Congress that a commemorative postage stamp should be issued in honor of the United States merchant marine.

Whereas the United States merchant marine has provided critical support to the Armed Forces of the United States in periods of conflict throughout this Nation's history;

Whereas the United States merchant marine has performed superbly, whenever and wherever needed across the globe;

Whereas the S.S. LANE VICTORY was one of the vessels used by the United States merchant marine to transport equipment, troops, and supplies during World War II, the Korean conflict, and the Vietnam era;

Whereas the S.S. LANE VICTORY, which stands today as a living museum, was named for Isaac Lane, an African

American who rose from slavery to become a bishop in the Methodist Episcopal Church and who later founded Lane College in Jackson, Tennessee;

Whereas the profile of the S.S. LANE VICTORY on a commemorative postage stamp would heighten the Nation's awareness of the many acts of heroism rendered, and other contributions made, by individuals in the United States merchant marine; and

Whereas, in 2005, the S.S. LANE VICTORY will have her 60th anniversary and, to commemorate this event, as well as to celebrate the victorious end of World War II, will embark on a worldwide goodwill voyage to bring her bit of history to the children of the world: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of the Congress that—

3 (1) a commemorative postage stamp should be
4 issued by the United States Postal Service in honor
5 of the United States merchant marine featuring the
6 S.S. LANE VICTORY; and

7 (2) the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee
8 should recommend to the Postmaster General that
9 such a postage stamp be issued.

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