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To require the Commandant of the Coast Guard to convey the United States Coast Guard Cutter BRAMBLE, upon its decommissioning, to the Port Huron Museum of Arts and History, Port Huron, Michigan, for use for education and historical display, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 30, 2003

Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. LEVIN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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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. CONVEYANCE OF DECOMMISSIONED COAST**
4 **GUARD CUTTER BRAMBLE.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Upon the scheduled decommis-
6 sioning of the United States Coast Guard Cutter BRAM-
7 BLE (WLB 406), the Commandant of the Coast Guard

1 shall convey all right, title, and interest of the United
2 States in and to that vessel to the Port Huron Museum
3 of Arts and History, a nonprofit corporation organized
4 under the laws of the State of Michigan, located in Port
5 Huron, Michigan, without consideration, if—

6 (1) the Museum agrees—

7 (A) to use the vessel for purposes of edu-
8 cation and historical display;

9 (B) not to use the vessel for commercial
10 transportation purposes;

11 (C) to make the vessel available to the
12 United States if needed for use by the Com-
13 mandant in time of war or a national emer-
14 gency; and

15 (D) to hold the United States harmless for
16 any claims arising from exposure to hazardous
17 materials, including asbestos and poly-
18 chlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), after conveyance
19 of the vessel under this subsection, except for
20 claims arising from the use by the United
21 States under subparagraph (C);

22 (2) the Museum has funds available, in the
23 form of cash, liquid assets, or a written loan com-
24 mitment, in the amount of at least \$700,000 that

1 the Museum agrees to commit to operate and main-
2 tain the vessel in good working condition; and

3 (3) the Museum agrees to any other conditions
4 the Commandant considers appropriate.

5 (b) MAINTENANCE OF VESSEL.—Prior to conveyance
6 of the vessel under this section, the Commandant shall,
7 to the extent practicable, and subject to other Coast Guard
8 mission requirements, maintain the integrity of the vessel
9 and its equipment until the delivery to the Museum.

10 (c) DELIVERY.—If a conveyance of the United States
11 Coast Guard Cutter BRAMBLE is made under this sec-
12 tion, the Commandant shall deliver the vessel at the place
13 where the vessel is located, in its present condition, and
14 without cost to the United States.

15 (d) CONVEYANCE NOT A DISTRIBUTION IN COM-
16 MERCE.—The conveyance of the vessel under this section
17 shall not be considered a distribution in commerce for pur-
18 poses of section 6(e) of the Toxic Substances Control Act
19 (15 U.S.C. 2605(e)).

20 (e) OTHER EXCESS EQUIPMENT.—The Commandant
21 may convey to the Museum any excess equipment or parts
22 from other decommissioned Coast Guard vessels for use
23 to enhance the operability and function of the United

- 1 States Coast Guard Cutter BRAMBLE as an historical
- 2 display.

