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1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. CON. RES. 147

Supporting the designation of a National American Waters Heritage Month  
each year.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 5, 2005

Mr. PAUL submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred  
to the Committee on Resources

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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Heritage Month each year.

Whereas both civilian and military personnel are engaged in  
maritime activities that provide for the safety and protec-  
tion of United States citizens;

Whereas boatwrights and shipbuilders, including marine ar-  
chitects, marine engineers, and maritime crews, made im-  
portant contributions to United States history;

Whereas marine scientists and maritime archeologists have  
played a vital role in preserving maritime artifacts and  
waters for future generations;

Whereas United States ponds, lakes, rivers, bays, and bor-  
dering oceans provide United States citizens with plenti-

ful sources of fish and with natural resources for numerous maritime recreational activities;

Whereas technology advances in United States history have included steam, gasoline, diesel, and particular nuclear powered vessels;

Whereas designating a National American Waters Heritage Month each year will serve as recognition of maritime transportation in the United States;

Whereas designating a National American Waters Heritage Month each year will provide United States citizens with an opportunity to learn about, and reflect on, the role maritime transportation has played in United States history; and

Whereas designating a National American Waters Heritage Month each year will provide United States citizens with an opportunity to learn about, and reflect on, the role maritime heritage and culture have played in the history of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

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

3            (1) honors and recognizes the importance of the  
4            maritime heritage and culture of the United States  
5            and the people of the United States who have helped  
6            build that heritage;

7            (2) encourages the President to issue a procla-  
8            mation designating a National American Waters  
9            Heritage Month each year; and

1           (3) urges government officials, educators, and  
2           all United States citizens to observe National Amer-  
3           ican Waters Heritage Month with appropriate cere-  
4           monies and activities to learn about the role mari-  
5           time heritage and culture have played in United  
6           States history and reflect on the blessing United  
7           States water has bestowed upon United States citi-  
8           zens.

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