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S. RES. 183

Commemorating the relauching of the 172-year-old Charles W. Morgan
by Mystic Seaport: The Museum of America and the Sea.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 24, 2013

Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. BEGICH, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. KING, Ms. WARREN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. WARNER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JULY 17, 2013

Committee discharged; considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Commemorating the relauching of the 172-year-old Charles
W. Morgan by Mystic Seaport: The Museum of America
and the Sea.

Whereas the Charles W. Morgan (referred to in this preamble
as the “Morgan”) was built and launched from New Bedford,
Massachusetts, in 1841;

Whereas the Morgan is a National Historic Landmark vessel,
the only remaining wooden whaleship in the world, and
the oldest commercial vessel in the United States;

Whereas the Morgan and similar vessels were the economic
backbone of New England for 200 years;

Whereas the Morgan has served as a living artifact and a testament to the ingenuity, risk, and entrepreneurship of the United States since the vessel retired from the whaling industry in 1921;

Whereas the Morgan has completed a 5-year, multi-million dollar restoration at the Preservation Shipyard of Mystic Seaport: The Museum of America and the Sea and will be relaunched on July 21, 2013;

Whereas the Morgan will embark on a ceremonial 38th voyage in June 2014, serving as “Ambassador” to the world’s whales and to the world’s whaling heritage;

Whereas the 38th voyage of the Morgan will rekindle the spirit of exploration and discovery of people throughout the world;

Whereas individuals and organizations from 22 States have contributed materials and expertise to the restoration and 38th voyage of the Morgan; and

Whereas the new mission of the Morgan will be devoted to history, education, science, and ocean awareness: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) commemorates the relaunching of the
3 whaleship Charles W. Morgan and commends the
4 staff, volunteers, and trustees of Mystic Seaport:
5 The Museum of America and the Sea for their ef-
6 forts to preserve and protect the maritime heritage
7 of the United States;

8 (2) supports the plan of Mystic Seaport: The
9 Museum of America and the Sea to reinterpret the

1 Charles W. Morgan as a vessel of scientific and edu-
2 cational exploration whose cargo is knowledge and
3 whose mission is to promote awareness of the mari-
4 time heritage of the United States and the conserva-
5 tion of the species the Morgan hunted; and

6 (3) recognizes the Charles W. Morgan as the
7 “Ambassador to the Whales”, dedicated to advanc-
8 ing public understanding of species conservation.

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