A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Urging the Secretary of the Navy to designate Philadelphia and both banks of the Delaware River as the site of the main celebration of the 250th birthdays of the United States Navy and the United States Marine Corps in October and November 2025.

WHEREAS, The United States Navy was founded in Pennsylvania on October 13, 1775, when the Second Continental Congress at Independence Hall in Philadelphia authorized its first ships; and

WHEREAS, Later that year, in Pennsylvania, the Continental Navy commissioned its first ship and granted its first commission to John Barry, the father of the American Navy; and

WHEREAS, The Second Continental Congress in Pennsylvania commissioned Lieutenant John Paul Jones, who, on the Delaware,
was the first to raise an American national flag, the Grand
Union Flag, on a naval vessel; and

WHEREAS, The United States Marine Corps was founded in
Pennsylvania on November 10, 1775, when the Second Continental
Congress at Independence Hall authorized the recruitment of two
battalions; and

WHEREAS, The United States Marine Corps was born later that
year after its first commissioned officer Captain Samuel
Nicholas held a recruiting drive in Tun Tavern in Philadelphia;
and

WHEREAS, The first United States Marine Corps amphibious
operation, mounted from Pennsylvania, seized sorely needed
gunpowder for the Continental Army; and

WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has continued to
design and build ships and aircraft and has contributed sons and
daughters to lead the United States Navy and the United States
Marine Corps since their birth; and

WHEREAS, The United States Navy's 250-year history should be
celebrated by assembling ships, including the Pennsylvania State
Flagship Niagara, from every major war the United States Navy
has fought; and

WHEREAS, This assemblage would be possible only in the
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania because Philadelphia has preserved
USS Olympia, the sole survivor of the Spanish-American War; and

WHEREAS, The United States Marine Corps' 250th birthday
should be celebrated by rebuilding Tun Tavern in Philadelphia,
drawing United States Marines from the Commonwealth of
Pennsylvania and beyond; therefore be it

RESOLVED (the Senate concurring), That the General Assembly
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the Secretary of the

20210HR0096PN1391 - 2 -
Navy to designate Philadelphia and both banks of the Delaware River as the site of the main celebration of the 250th birthdays of the United States Navy and the United States Marine Corps in October and November 2025; and be it further
RESOLVED, That the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania authorize the United States Navy and the United States Marine Corps to participate by bringing active-duty ships, aircraft, equipment and personnel that represent the United States Navy and the United States Marine Corps; and be it further
RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the United States Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of the Navy, the Commandant of the Marine Corps and each member of the Pennsylvania Congressional Delegation.