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H. J. RES. 137

Commending Sail250® for its advancement of goodwill among nations, its dedication to continuing the legacy of commemorating the history of the United States, and its effort to educate the next generation of Americans about the Nation’s maritime heritage.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 7, 2026

Ms. MALLIOTAKIS submitted the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

JOINT RESOLUTION

Commending Sail250® for its advancement of goodwill among nations, its dedication to continuing the legacy of commemorating the history of the United States, and its effort to educate the next generation of Americans about the Nation’s maritime heritage.

Whereas Sail250® is dedicated to advancing the commemoration of the historic role that maritime services played during the American Revolution by hosting signature events in several port cities of the United States, including New Orleans, Norfolk, Baltimore, the Port of New York and New Jersey, and Boston;

Whereas Sail250® and its predecessors have worked in partnership with every American President since President John F. Kennedy to host the international tall ship fleets in brotherhood and sisterhood of the sea;

Whereas Sail250® builds on the great tradition of celebrating major milestones in United States history with gatherings of the world's official tall ships, and will continue this great tradition with a gathering of ships in the five Sail250 Consortium ports to celebrate the United States of America's 250th anniversary of independence;

Whereas the President has endorsed the Sail250® vision of gathering the tall ships of the world to mark America's semiquincentennial, just as Presidents Kennedy, Ford, Reagan, Bush, Clinton, and Obama have endorsed the previous international tall ship gatherings to mark American milestones;

Whereas the Port of New York and New Jersey will host the grandest international tall ship parade in American history and, in partnership with the United States Navy, will host an International Naval Review on July 4, 2026, to mark the Nation's 250th anniversary of independence; and

Whereas Sail250® promises to be the largest gathering in history of tall ships, naval, Coast Guard, and other vessels like those that have sailed the oceans for centuries: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
- 2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
- 3 That—

1 (1) Sail250® is commended for its advance-
2 ment of goodwill among nations, its continuing com-
3 memoration of the history of the United States of
4 America, and its commitment to promoting Amer-
5 ica’s rich maritime heritage and history;

6 (2) all Americans and citizens of nations
7 around the world are encouraged to join in the cele-
8 bration of the 250th birthday of the United States
9 of America and the international camaraderie that
10 Sail250® and the International Naval Review will
11 foster; and

12 (3) Sail250® is encouraged to continue pro-
13 moting the naval heritage of the United States of
14 America and the international tall ship community
15 by organizing and participating in tall ship events
16 such as Sail250®.

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