

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 68

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 71

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 68—Relative to the Tall Ships Challenge 2005.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 68, Saldana. Tall Ships Challenge 2005.

This measure would commend the California host ports and related nonprofit organizations for their efforts relative to hosting the Tall Ships Challenge 2005 and would commend the nations of the world that send their tall ships to participate in this event. The measure would invite all tall ships to continue to visit California.

WHEREAS, During California's Sesquicentennial Celebration in 1999, and then again in 2002, tall ships from maritime nations around the world visited the California ports of San Francisco, Los Angeles, and San Diego; and

WHEREAS, Beginning with California's Sesquicentennial in 1999, the Tall Ships, such as the Guayas (Ecuador), Gloria (Columbia), Kaiwo Maru (Japan), R Tucker Thompson (New Zealand), Amerigo Vespucci (Italy), Europa (the Netherlands), Concordia (Canada), Batkishvna (Ukraine), Nippon Maru (Japan), Cuauhtemoc (Mexico), Esmeralda (Chile), Juan Sebastian de Elcano (Spain), and Kaisei (Antigua) have visited California's ports; and

WHEREAS, These foreign tall ships were joined in the celebrations by several of California's own tall ships from our own ports; and

WHEREAS, These tall ship visits were aided by funding from the state to assist these ports in hosting these vessels; and

WHEREAS, California has seen an increase in foreign tall ship visits as a result of the efforts of the sponsors of these events and their port cities; and

WHEREAS, These visits were a financial boost to these ports by drawing record breaking crowds to visit the ships; and

WHEREAS, These visits received widespread national and international media coverage and boosted California's status as a worldwide, international, economic power; and

WHEREAS, The visits of these tall ships increased California's appreciation for its rich maritime history and traditions dating back to the earliest days of California's recorded history; and

WHEREAS, The international sail training movement has served to bring tall ships and young sailors from North America and around the

world to the shores and harbors of the United States each year in friendly international competition and in celebration of the enduring values of teamwork, adventure, and courage that built a great society in North America; and

WHEREAS, The San Diego Maritime Museum, the Los Angeles Maritime Institute, and Sail San Francisco have joined together to bring the tall ships to California once again in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Many of these tall ships will follow an historic route that takes them around the Pacific Rim; and

WHEREAS, Tall ships events bring local people together with visiting sailors from across the ocean in a shared sense of excitement that is truly unique, joining appreciation for maritime history and traditions in celebrations that are an extraordinary cross-cultural experience; and

WHEREAS, The great historic port cities of San Francisco, Los Angeles, and San Diego, California will serve as hosts to these gatherings of tall ships, which evoke the history of California in the climactic phase of the heroic age of sail; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature of the State of California commends the Ports of San Francisco, Los Angeles, and San Diego and their continuing commitment to the values that built a great nation and brought the peoples and cultures of the world together, and their dedication to the personal growth and development of the young people who will lead the nation and the world in the next generation; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature of the State of California congratulates the nonprofit organizers of the host ports, namely, the San Diego Maritime Museum, the Los Angeles Maritime Institute, and Sail San Francisco on their efforts to provide a warm California welcome to the tall ships of the Tall Ships Challenge 2005, and for their commitment to the important work carried on by those ships; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature of the State of California commends the State Coastal Conservancy for its steadfast encouragement and support for these tall ship events as part of its mission; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature of the State of California commends those nations who are participating in the Tall Ship Challenge 2005 and invites all tall ships to continue to visit California for the mutual benefits derived by these visits; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.