

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 33—ASSEMBLYMEN BACHE, ANDERSON, ANGLE, ARBERRY, BEERS, BERMAN, BROWER, BROWN, BUCKLEY, CARPENTER, CEGAVSKE, CHOWNING, CLABORN, COLLINS, DE BRAGA, DINI, FREEMAN, GIBBONS, GIUNCHIGLIANI, GOLDWATER, GUSTAVSON, HETTRICK, HUMKE, KOIVISTO, LEE, LESLIE, MANENDO, MARVEL, MCCLAIN, MORTENSON, NEIGHBORS, NOLAN, OCEGUERA, OHRENSCHALL, PARKS, PARNELL, PERKINS, PRICE, SMITH, TIFFANY, VON TOBEL AND WILLIAMS

MAY 9, 2001

JOINT SPONSORS: SENATORS SHAFFER, AMODEI, CARE, CARLTON, COFFIN, JACOBSEN, JAMES, MATHEWS, MCGINNESS, NEAL, O'CONNELL, O'DONNELL, PORTER, RAGGIO, RAWSON, RHOADS, SCHNEIDER, TITUS, TOWNSEND, WASHINGTON AND WIENER

Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Designates May 20 through May 26, 2001, as U.S. Merchant Marine and U.S. Navy Armed Guard Remembrance Week. (BDR R-376)

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EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Designating May 20 through May 26, 2001, as U.S. Merchant Marine and U.S. Navy Armed Guard Remembrance Week.

- 1 WHEREAS, The U.S. Merchant Marine has faithfully served our country
- 2 in times of war and peace, transporting troops, weaponry, supplies and
- 3 equipment to every corner of the world; and
- 4 WHEREAS, The Merchant Marine has helped win wars and maintain
- 5 peace by providing necessary materials, food and supplies to assist many
- 6 other nations in rebuilding their countries and economies; and
- 7 WHEREAS, During World War II, the Merchant Marine transported
- 8 troops and delivered 75 percent of all military equipment and supplies to
- 9 battle fronts throughout the world in the face of attacks by the enemy and
- 10 violent seas, without the benefit of sonar equipment to enable them to
- 11 detect the enemy; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Of the relatively small volunteer force of about 250,000
- 13 during World War II, at least 8,651 Merchant Mariners were killed at sea,



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1 over 11,000 were wounded with 1,100 dying from wounds, and 604 were  
2 taken as prisoners of war of whom 61 died in POW camps; and

3 WHEREAS, For their heroic efforts during World War II, President  
4 Franklin Delano Roosevelt recognized the Merchant Mariners as an  
5 essential part of the history of the country's sea power and said the  
6 Mariners "have written one of its most brilliant chapters. They have  
7 delivered the goods when and where needed in every theater of operations  
8 and across every ocean in the biggest, the most difficult and dangerous job  
9 ever undertaken. As time goes on, there will be greater public  
10 understanding of our merchant's fleet record during this war"; and

11 WHEREAS, The U.S. Navy Armed Guard was established to protect the  
12 Merchant Marine ships from enemy ships, aircraft and submarines by  
13 providing gunnery protection and communication services; and

14 WHEREAS, Many of the members of the Navy Armed Guard had never  
15 seen the ocean before being assigned to a Merchant Marine ship, yet they  
16 served side-by-side with the Mariners under difficult and extremely  
17 dangerous circumstances, often without a doctor on board the ship; and

18 WHEREAS, The U.S. Merchant Marine and the U.S. Navy Armed Guard  
19 worked as a team to provide a vital link between our fighting forces  
20 overseas and the home front, each suffering one of the highest ratios of  
21 death among the armed services in World War II, with many being lost at  
22 sea, their fates unknown; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE SENATE  
24 CONCURRING, That the Legislature does hereby designate May 20 through  
25 May 26, 2001, as U.S. Merchant Marine and U.S. Navy Armed Guard  
26 Remembrance Week; and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That the Legislature encourages all Nevadans to join in this  
28 observance, to coincide with National Maritime Day on May 22; and be it  
29 further

30 RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit  
31 a copy of this resolution to Bill Erin, Secretary of the Las Vegas Chapter of  
32 the American Merchant Marine Veterans, for appropriate distribution to all  
33 Nevada media and interested organizations.

