
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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MAJOR, PICKETT, KORTZ, HARHAI, SANKEY, MAHONEY, MARSHALL,
MILLER AND SWANGER, APRIL 16, 2013

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, APRIL 16, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Encouraging the United States Navy to commission the USS
2 Somerset in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where space is
3 readily available for the commissioning and accompanying
4 ceremony.

5 WHEREAS, The USS Somerset is the newest amphibious transport
6 dock ship, capable of carrying hundreds of members of the
7 military anywhere they need to go; and

8 WHEREAS, The USS Somerset is named in honor of the passengers
9 of United Airlines Flight 93 whose actions prevented terrorist
10 hijackers from reaching their intended target, forcing the
11 aircraft to crash in Somerset County, Pennsylvania; and

12 WHEREAS, The USS Somerset was christened in July 2012 and
13 will be put in active service in remembrance of the heroes of
14 September 11, 2001; and

15 WHEREAS, The U.S. Navy has successfully cleared Philadelphia,
16 Pennsylvania, as a potential site for the commissioning ceremony
17 of the USS Somerset; and

1 WHEREAS, Philadelphia is one of the closest ports to Somerset
2 County and it would be appropriate and fitting that the vessel's
3 commissioning ceremony be held at the Philadelphia port;
4 therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
6 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania encourage the United States Navy to
7 strongly consider Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to be the site of
8 the commissioning ceremony for the USS Somerset; and be it
9 further

10 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
11 the President of the United States; the United States Secretary
12 of the Navy; and to each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.