



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

GENERAL COURT

STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 02133-1053

**A JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING
THE CITY OF NEWBURYPORT AS THE BIRTHPLACE
OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD**

WHEREAS, IN 1791, THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD LAUNCHED ITS FIRST REVENUE CUTTER, THE USRC MASSACHUSETTS, ON THE BANKS OF THE MERRIMACK RIVER, IN THE CITY OF NEWBURYPORT; AND

WHEREAS, THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD IS THE NATION'S OLDEST CONTINUOUS SEAGOING SERVICE; AND

WHEREAS, THE MOTTO OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD IS *SEMPER PARATUS*, "ALWAYS READY;" AND

WHEREAS, THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD PROTECTS AND SAVES THE LIVES AND PROPERTY OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE THROUGH ITS VIGILANCE AND ALERTNESS; AND

WHEREAS, THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD ENFORCES UNITED STATES LAW AFLOAT AND PROTECTS THE INTEGRITY OF UNITED STATES SHORES; AND

WHEREAS, THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS, BY SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 83, APPROVED ON AUGUST 3, 1965, RECOGNIZED NEWBURYPORT AS THE BIRTHPLACE OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD; AND

WHEREAS, PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON SIGNED PUBLIC LAW 89-103 ON AUGUST 3, 1965, RECOGNIZING THE FOUNDING OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD IN NEWBURYPORT; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, THAT THE MASSACHUSETTS SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES RECOGNIZES THE CITY OF NEWBURYPORT AS THE BIRTHPLACE OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, THAT THE MASSACHUSETTS SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ENCOURAGES ALL CITIZENS TO RECOGNIZE AND CELEBRATE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AT THE CITY OF NEWBURYPORT; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, THAT A COPY OF THESE RESOLUTIONS BE TRANSMITTED FORTHWITH BY THE CLERK OF THE SENATE TO ADMIRAL THAD W. ALLEN, COMMANDANT, UNITED STATES COAST GUARD; REAR ADMIRAL DALE G. GABEL, DISTRICT COMMANDER, UNITED STATES COAST GUARD FIRST DISTRICT; CHIEF BRENT ZEDO, UNITED STATES COAST GUARD SURF STATION MERRIMACK RIVER; AND SUZI CASHMAN, DAUGHTER OF THE LATE GEORGE CASHMAN, THE FIRST CHAIRMAN OF NEWBURYPORT'S COAST GUARD DAY.