

Legislation Text

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Encouraging the United States Navy to commission the USS Somerset (LPD-25) in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. WHEREAS, The USS Somerset (LPD-25) is the ninth and newest amphibious transport dock ship in the San Antonio class; and

WHEREAS, The USS Somerset honors the passengers of United Airlines Flight 93 whose actions prevented terrorist hijackers from reaching their intended target, forcing the aircraft to crash in Somerset County, Pennsylvania, on September 11, 2001; and

WHEREAS, In the words of former Secretary of the Navy Gordon England, "The courage and heroism of the people aboard the flight will never be forgotten and USS Somerset will leave a legacy that will never be forgotten by those wishing to do harm to this country"; and

WHEREAS, The USS Somerset joins the USS New York (LPD-21) and the USS Arlington (LPD-24) in remembering the heroes of September 11, 2001; and

WHEREAS, The USS Somerset was christened in July 2012 and will be commissioned when it is put in active service; and

WHEREAS, The Navy has cleared Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as a potential site for the commissioning ceremony of the USS Somerset; and

WHEREAS, United States Senator Patrick Toomey is advocating to the Secretary of the Navy to commission the USS Somerset in Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, Philadelphia is one of the closest ports to Somerset County, and it would be fitting that the commissioning ceremony be held there; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That it hereby encourages the United States Navy to commission the USS Somerset (LPD-25) in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution shall be delivered to the Secretary of the Navy, Members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, US Senator Patrick Toomey and the President of the United States.