

1 eight officers and fifty enlisted members; it remains the only active square-rigger in U.S.
2 government service and always leads the Parade of Sail in U.S. port visits; and

3 WHEREAS, CNS Esmeralda, a steel-hulled, four-masted barquentine, serves as
4 Chile's sail training ship and is often called "La Dama Blanca", or "The White Lady"; the
5 ship is capable of both engine and wind propulsion and historically acts as a diplomatic tool
6 and symbol of national pride; and

7 WHEREAS, the BAP Unión (BEV-161) is a four-masted, steel-hulled barque and
8 the largest sail training vessel in Latin America; the ship was commissioned by the Peruvian
9 Navy in 2016 and built by Servicios Industriales de la Marina in Callao, Peru; it serves as
10 a floating ambassador and training platform for naval cadets and honors the legacy of the
11 nineteenth-century corvette Unión; and

12 WHEREAS, the ARC Gloria is a striking three-masted steel barque built in Spain
13 and commissioned by the Colombian Navy in 1968; the ship functions as both the
14 Colombian Navy's flagship and its principal sail-training vessel, and it embodies Colombia's
15 maritime traditions while charting courses as a sailing ambassador around the world; and

16 WHEREAS, the ROU Capitán Miranda is a three-masted schooner of the Uruguayan
17 Navy that was originally launched in 1930 as a hydrographic research vessel; the ship was
18 converted into a sail-training ship in 1978 and now serves to train young officers in
19 seamanship and leadership and participates in international tall ship events; and

20 WHEREAS, GLADAN is one of two sail training ships operated by the Swedish
21 Navy and was built in 1947 to replace earlier training ships; the ship is designed as a square
22 topsail schooner in the traditional Baltic pilot style and serves as a platform for cadets to
23 gain hands-on experience in seamanship, navigation, and leadership while voyaging across
24 the world; and

25 WHEREAS, the HNLMS Friesland (P842) is a Holland-class offshore patrol vessel
26 that is operated by the Royal Netherlands Navy and was commissioned on January 22, 2013;
27 the ship is named after the Dutch province of Friesland and serves as a modern multi-role
28 platform for maritime security and law enforcement; and

29 WHEREAS, ARA Libertad is a three hundred forty-foot, three-masted, steel-hulled
30 tall ship based in Buenos Aires that was built in 1963; the ship is one of the world's largest

1 and fastest tall ships, serves as a training vessel for the Argentine Navy, and has sailed over
2 eight hundred thousand nautical miles and visited five hundred ports in more than sixty
3 countries; and

4 WHEREAS, USS Kearsage is a versatile amphibious assault ship designed to project
5 power from sea to shore and carries Marines, aircraft, and landing craft in a single integrated
6 platform; the ship has a flight deck that resembles a small aircraft carrier and a floodable
7 well deck for amphibious operations, and it serves as a floating hub for rapid-response
8 military and humanitarian missions worldwide; and

9 WHEREAS, USS Farragut is a multi-mission guided missile destroyer built to defend
10 against air, surface, and subsurface threats while operating independently or as a part of a
11 carrier strike group; the ship is equipped with the Aegis Combat System and a versatile array
12 of missiles and sensors, and it delivers precision, speed, and adaptability across modern
13 naval operations; and

14 WHEREAS, USCGC Mohawk is a medium endurance cutter built for long-range
15 patrols, specialization in law enforcement, search and rescue, and maritime security
16 missions; the ship features a balanced mix of endurance, speed, and seakeeping and serves
17 as a reliable workhorse on extended operations across coastal and international waters; and

18 WHEREAS, HMS Trent is a modern offshore patrol vessel built for persistent global
19 presence, conducting maritime security, counter-smuggling, and patrol missions far from
20 home waters; the ship is designed for efficiency and endurance and combines a relatively
21 small crew with advanced sensors and a flexible mission deck to operate independently for
22 extended deployments; and

23 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that the state of Louisiana recognizes the tall ships
24 and naval vessels of the world during the landmark celebration of the two hundred fiftieth
25 anniversary of the nation.

26 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
27 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commemorate Sail 250 New Orleans and the arrival
28 of the tall ships of the world in New Orleans from May 28 through June 1, 2026, in honor
29 of the two hundred fiftieth anniversary of the United States of America and does hereby
30 encourage citizens to join in the celebration of the storied maritime history of the nation.

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