

House Joint Resolution 2

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SUMMARY

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Encourages City of Portland and Port of Portland to contract to locate USS Ranger in area and enter into long-term lease with USS Ranger Foundation Museum.

JOINT RESOLUTION

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2 Whereas the USS Ranger, a Forrestal-class aircraft carrier, was laid down August 2, 1954, at
3 Newport News, Virginia, launched September 29, 1956, and commissioned at the Norfolk Naval
4 Shipyard August 10, 1957; and

5 Whereas the USS Ranger is a decorated combat veteran with service in Vietnam and Kuwait;
6 and

7 Whereas the USS Ranger was decommissioned on July 10, 1993, and retired from military ser-
8 vice; and

9 Whereas the USS Ranger remains a valuable resource with potential to serve in many ways
10 including, but not limited to, service as a disaster command center or communications post, as a
11 disaster relief station with two hospitals, a dental clinic, a kitchen and shelter facilities, as a
12 training platform for Coast Guard or military reserve agencies, as a technical education facility with
13 two machine shops, a flight simulator and a theater, or as an historical museum to honor the sailors
14 and air personnel who bravely served on the USS Ranger; and

15 Whereas the taxpayers of the United States paid to build the USS Ranger, and the U.S. Navy
16 will sink or scrap the aircraft carrier unless a long-term mooring location is found for the carrier;
17 and

18 Whereas retired sister Forrestal-class aircraft carriers have provided considerable opportunities
19 for economic development after retirement from military service; and

20 Whereas the USS Ranger has potential to benefit local and regional businesses serving tourists,
21 local marine businesses, the construction industry and local catering and related businesses serving
22 conventions, reunions and other events aboard the carrier; and

23 Whereas the USS Ranger is anticipated to create employment opportunities that could provide
24 revenues of up to \$3 million annually; and

25 Whereas the Portland metropolitan area has at least two reinforced piers that are capable of
26 mooring the USS Ranger and that are sufficiently accessible, based on water depth and bridge
27 clearances required to move the aircraft carrier; now, therefore,

28 **Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:**

29 That we, the members of the Seventy-fifth Legislative Assembly:

30 (1) Support efforts of the City of Portland and Port of Portland to locate the USS Ranger in the
31 Portland metropolitan area; and

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

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1 (2) Encourage the City of Portland and Port of Portland, after obtaining the right to locate the
2 aircraft carrier in the metropolitan area, to enter into a lease for a minimum of 40 years with the
3 USS Ranger Museum Foundation.

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