

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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Action: Be Adopted  
Vote: 7 - 0 - 1  
Yeas: Boone, Esquivel, Freeman, Matthews, Riley, Stiegler, Cowan  
Nays: 0  
Exc.: Weidner  
Prepared By: Bill Taylor, Administrator  
Meeting Dates: 2/18

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Recognizes the service and sacrifice that the United State Merchant Marine made to the United States throughout the country's history, particularly during World War II.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Sacrifices of the members of the Merchant Marine
- Denied benefits until 1988

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** During World War II, 9,300 members of the United States Merchant Marine died and 1,554 ships were sunk. However, members of the Merchant Marine never received benefits under the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944.