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Senate Joint Memorial 7

Sponsored by Senator ROBLAN, Representative GOMBERG; Representative BOONE

To the President of the United States, the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, and the Commandant of the United States Coast Guard:

We, your memorialists, the Seventy-ninth Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, in legislative session assembled, respectfully represent as follows:

Whereas the men and women of the United States Coast Guard are held in the highest esteem and regard by Oregonians for their courage, dedication and intrepidity in the cause of saving lives; and

Whereas in recognition of the needs of the commercial, charter and recreational users of the ocean and bays, residents and tourists alike, who frequent our beautiful but often dangerous Pacific coast, the United States Coast Guard has maintained, since 1987, a search and rescue helicopter presence at its air facility in Newport, Oregon, based at the Newport Municipal Airport; and

Whereas Congress, through enactment of the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2015, both funded continuation of the air facility in Newport and required that it be kept open; and

Whereas by continuing its funding of the air facility's services in the face of proposed budget cuts, Congress has shown its recognition of these essential services along the central Oregon coast as a vital bulwark against grave threats to the safety of Oregon's mariners and all others who work and play on the ocean and its shoreline; and

Whereas the Legislative Assembly, the Newport Fishermen's Wives, other state and local stakeholders and all Oregonians are grateful for the continued support provided by Congress and the President of the United States to protect and save lives along the coastal borders of our country; now, therefore,

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

That we, the members of the Seventy-ninth Legislative Assembly, respectfully request that the Congress of the United States of America authorize and appropriate adequate funding to the United States Coast Guard to maintain the United States Coast Guard's air facility in Newport, Oregon, in perpetuity; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this memorial be sent to the President of the United States, to the Senate Majority Leader, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to each member of the Oregon Congressional Delegation and to the Commandant of the United States Coast Guard.

Adopted by Senate April 20, 2017

Lori L. Brocker, Secretary of Senate

Peter Courtney, President of Senate

Adopted by House May 23, 2017

Tina Kotek, Speaker of House