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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY SCRIMENTI, DeWEESE, G. WRIGHT, J. EVANS, BEBKO-JONES, TIGUE, COY, ARMSTRONG, MAITLAND, GEORGE, FAIRCHILD, D. EVANS, COSTA, M. WRIGHT, JOSEPHS, LAUGHLIN, SEMMEL, JAMES, HERMAN, STABACK, LEDERER, SOLOBAY, SAYLOR, GABIG, TURZAI, GRUCELA, YOUNGBLOOD, TRICH, WOJNAROSKI, CLYMER, CREIGHTON, ROSS, HUTCHINSON, L. I. COHEN, MELIO, HARHAI, CURRY, HERSHEY, HENNESSEY, DALEY, SHANER, B. SMITH, HORSEY, SCHULER, GEIST, E. Z. TAYLOR, DeLUCA, LESCOVITZ, THOMAS, S. MILLER, KELLER AND PALLONE, JANUARY 2, 2002

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS,  
JANUARY 2, 2002

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1    Memorializing the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee of the  
2       United States Postal Service to consider and recommend to the  
3       United States Postal Service Board of Governors the issuance  
4       of a commemorative stamp honoring the United States Brig  
5       Niagara.

6       WHEREAS, The Battle of Lake Erie was a fierce naval campaign  
7       waged to prevent the United States from losing its northwest  
8       territories; and

9       WHEREAS, The battle resulted in a restoration of public  
10      morale and confirmation that America had found independence from  
11      Great Britain at the height of the War of 1812; and

12      WHEREAS, The United States Brig Niagara was the relief  
13      flagship utilized by Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry during this  
14      significant battle; and

15      WHEREAS, Upon defeating the British with the Niagara fleet,

1 Commodore Perry relayed the famous victory message, "We have met  
2 the enemy and they are ours"; and

3 WHEREAS, After the war, the Niagara served as a station ship  
4 in Erie until 1820, when she was scuttled in Presque Isle Bay;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, To celebrate the centennial of the impressive battle  
7 in 1913, Erie citizens raised the vessel and towed it around the  
8 Great Lakes ports; and

9 WHEREAS, In 1931 the Commonwealth began an extensive  
10 restoration effort on the ship only to later see the ship again  
11 become decayed; and

12 WHEREAS, By the early 1980s the Historic Watercraft Society  
13 began efforts to design and build a reconstruction of the  
14 Niagara; and

15 WHEREAS, The replica of Commodore Perry's flagship was  
16 completed in 1990, enabling it to be an active sailing ship  
17 traveling to ports along the Atlantic seaboard and providing  
18 education and historic interpretation; and

19 WHEREAS, The Flagship Niagara League and the Pennsylvania  
20 Historical and Museum Commission enthusiastically support the  
21 commemoration of the United States Brig Niagara; therefore be it

22 RESOLVED (the Senate concurring), That the General Assembly  
23 memorialize the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee of the United  
24 States Postal Service Board of Governors to issue a stamp  
25 commemorating the United States Brig Niagara; and be it further

26 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to  
27 the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each  
28 member of Congress from Pennsylvania.