

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 69—Relative to the tallship *Californian*.

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WHEREAS, The preservation of America's precious maritime heritage is the primary goal of the Nautical Heritage Museum, and the museum is to be commended for its plans for construction of the *Californian*, a full-scale recreation of the 1849 vintage Revenue Cutter *Lawrence*; and

WHEREAS, The *Californian* will serve as an educational tool for people of all ages during its construction, which will commence in April 1983, and when it puts to sea in the Spring of 1984, in the distinguished tradition of California tallships; and

WHEREAS, Nowhere in the world today does there exist a replica of these early cutters that once protected America's coastlines and, to assure both her historical accuracy and seaworthiness, the United States Coast Guard has heartily agreed to actively participate in the design and construction of the *Californian*; and

WHEREAS, Under the guidance of Museum Director Steve Christman and internationally renowned naval architect Melbourne Smith, builder of the *Pride of Baltimore*, the building of the *Californian* will restore to our shores the grace, beauty, and indomitable spirit of the single coast guard cutter that maintained law and order during the frenzy of the Gold Rush; and

WHEREAS, The *Californian* will serve as a unique sail training vessel for the youth of Orange County and the entire State of California, and will provide instruction in the near-forgotten arts of sailing tallships; and

WHEREAS, Not only will the *Californian* exemplify the highest level of speed and elegance achieved during the Great Age of Sailing, but she will also proudly represent the State of California during the 1984 Olympics and OPSAIL '86, celebrating the centennial of the Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor; and

WHEREAS, Funding for the *Californian* project is totally private, with foundations, institutions, corporations, and individuals donating their time, resources, and moneys to make this exciting dream a reality; and

WHEREAS, The vessel will have keel and frames of tropical hardwoods, planking of longleaf yellow pine, decking and spars of Douglas fir, five rails and bits of rosewood, and cabinetry of Spanish cedar and Honduras mahogany; and

WHEREAS, The *Californian* will carry a carved figurehead of Queen Calafia, namesake of California, and the ship's transom will be ornamented by two California golden grizzly bears on either side of a flowing ribbon in which her name is carved; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her own pendant, she will fly the authentic Revenue Service flag on special occasions; the officers and crew will be dressed in period costumes, and guests will be greeted with bosun's pipe and side boys; and the *Californian* will be armed with eight working smoothbore cannons on wooden carriages; and

WHEREAS, It is appropriate at this time that the *Californian* be designated as our state's official tallship ambassador; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring*, That the Members of the Legislature extend their commendations to the Nautical Heritage Museum at Dana Point and the U.S. Coast Guard for their outstanding contributions and leadership in the construction of the *Californian*, which will preserve and enhance the nautical tradition that graced our nation's shore in the past; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Members eagerly await the maiden voyage of the *Californian* in the Spring of 1984, applaud the contributions that the *Californian* will make to the education of California's youth and the goodwill it will generate for all Californians, and hereby designate the *Californian* our state's official tallship ambassador; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit a copy of this resolution to the Nautical Heritage Museum at Dana Point.