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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Liberty Ships Memo-
5 rial Act of 1993.”

1 **SEC. 2. CONVEYANCE VESSELS.**

2 (a) **AUTHORITY TO CONVEY.**—The Secretary of
3 Transportation may convey without consideration all
4 right, title, and interest of the United States in 2 vessels
5 described in subsection (b) to any nonprofit organization
6 which operates and maintains a Liberty Ship or Victory
7 Ship as a memorial to merchant mariners.

8 (b) **VESSELS DESCRIBED.**—Vessels which may be
9 conveyed under subsection (a) are vessels which—

10 (1) are in the National Defense Reserve Fleet
11 on the date of the enactment of this Act;

12 (2) are not less than 4,000 displacement tons;

13 (3) have no usefulness to the Government; and

14 (4) are scheduled to be scrapped.

15 (c) **CONDITIONS OF CONVEYANCE.**—As a condition of
16 conveying any vessel to an organization under subsection
17 (a), the Secretary shall require that before the date of the
18 conveyance the organization enter into an agreement
19 under which the organization shall—

20 (1) sell the vessel for scrap purposes;

21 (2) use the proceeds of that scrapping for the
22 purpose of refurbishing and making seaworthy a
23 Liberty Ship or Victory Ship which the organization
24 maintains as a memorial to merchant mariners, to
25 enable the ship to participate in 1994 in commemo-

1 rative activities in conjunction with the 50th anni-
2 versary of the Normandy invasion; and

3 (3) return to the United States any proceeds of
4 scrapping carried out pursuant to paragraph (1)
5 which are not used in accordance with paragraph
6 (2).

7 (d) DEPOSIT OF AMOUNTS RETURNED.—Amounts
8 returned to the United States pursuant to subsection
9 (c)(3) shall be deposited in the Vessel Operations Revolv-
10 ing Fund created by the Act of June 2, 1951 (65 Stat.
11 59; 46 App. U.S.C. 1241a).

12 (e) DELIVERY OF VESSELS.—The Secretary shall de-
13 liver each vessel conveyed under this section—

14 (1) at the place where the vessel is located on
15 the date of the approval of the conveyance by the
16 Secretary;

17 (2) in its condition on that date; and

18 (3) without cost to the Government.

19 (f) EXPIRATION OF AUTHORITY TO CONVEY.—The
20 authority of the Secretary under this section to convey ves-

1 sels shall expire on the date that is 2 years after the date
2 of the enactment of this Act.

Passed the Senate November 20 (legislative day, November 2), 1993.

Attest:

Secretary.