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H. R. 3510

To authorize the Secretary of Transportation to convey the National Defense Reserve Fleet vessel S.S. GUAM to American Trade Fair Ship, Inc.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. LOWEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

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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. AUTHORITY TO CONVEY NATIONAL DEFENSE**
4 **RESERVE FLEET VESSEL S.S. GUAM.**

5 (a) AUTHORITY TO CONVEY.—Notwithstanding any
6 other law, the Secretary of Transportation (in this section
7 referred to as the “Secretary”) may convey all right, title,
8 and interest of the United States Government in and to
9 the vessel S.S. GUAM (United States official number
10 LPH 9) to American Trade Fair Ship, Inc. (a not-for-

1 profit corporation established under the laws of the State
2 of New York; in this section referred to as the “recipient”)
3 for use by the recipient to exhibit products manufactured
4 in the United States, during cruises around the World in-
5 cluding in Europe, South America, and the Far East.

6 (b) TERMS OF CONVEYANCE.—

7 (1) DELIVERY OF VESSEL.—In carrying out
8 subsection (a), the Secretary shall deliver the
9 vessel—

10 (A) at the place where the vessel is located
11 on the date of conveyance;

12 (B) in its condition on that date; and

13 (C) at no cost to the United States Gov-
14 ernment.

15 (2) REQUIRED CONDITIONS.—The Secretary
16 may not convey a vessel under this section unless—

17 (A) the recipient agrees to hold the Gov-
18 ernment harmless for any claims arising from
19 exposure to hazardous material, including as-
20 bestos and polychlorinated biphenyls, after con-
21 veyance of the vessel, except for claims arising
22 before the date of the conveyance or from use
23 of the vessel by the Government after that date;
24 and

1 (B) the recipient has available to restore
2 the vessel, in the form of cash, liquid assets, or
3 a written loan commitment, financial resources
4 of at least \$100,000.

5 (3) *ADDITIONAL TERMS.*—The Secretary may
6 require such additional terms in connection with the
7 conveyance authorized by this section as the Sec-
8 retary considers appropriate.

9 (c) *OTHER UNNEEDED EQUIPMENT.*—The Secretary
10 may convey to the recipient any unneeded equipment from
11 other vessels in the National Defense Reserve Fleet, for
12 use to restore the vessel conveyed under this section to
13 museum quality.

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