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H. R. 517

To direct the Commandant of the Coast Guard to convey the Coast Guard Cutter BRAMBLE, upon its scheduled decommissioning, to the Port Huron Museum of Arts and History located in Port Huron, Michigan, for use for education and historical display.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 31, 2003

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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. CONVEYANCE OF DECOMMISSIONED COAST**
4 **GUARD CUTTER BRAMBLE.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Upon the scheduled decommis-
6 sioning of the Coast Guard Cutter BRAMBLE, the Com-
7 mandant of the Coast Guard shall convey all right, title,

1 and interest of the United States in and to that vessel
2 to the Port Huron Museum of Arts and History (a non-
3 profit corporation under the laws of the State of Michigan;
4 in this section referred to as the the “recipient”), located
5 in Port Huron, Michigan, without consideration, if—

6 (1) the recipient agrees—

7 (A) to use the vessel for purposes of edu-
8 cation and historical display;

9 (B) not to use the vessel for commercial
10 transportation purposes;

11 (C) to make the vessel available to the
12 United States Government if needed for use by
13 the Commandant in time of war or a national
14 emergency; and

15 (D) to hold the Government harmless for
16 any claims arising from exposure to hazardous
17 materials, including asbestos and poly-
18 chlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), after conveyance
19 of the vessel, except for claims arising from the
20 use by the Government under subparagraph
21 (C);

22 (2) the recipient has funds available that will be
23 committed to operate and maintain the vessel con-
24 veyed in good working condition, in the form of

1 cash, liquid assets, or a written loan commitment,
2 and in an amount of at least \$700,000; and

3 (3) the recipient agrees to any other conditions
4 the Commandant considers appropriate.

5 (b) MAINTENANCE AND DELIVERY OF VESSEL.—

6 Prior to conveyance of the vessel under this section, the
7 Commandant shall, to the extent practical, and subject to
8 other Coast Guard mission requirements, make every ef-
9 fort to maintain the integrity of the vessel and its equip-
10 ment until the time of delivery. If a conveyance is made
11 under this section, the Commandant shall deliver the ves-
12 sel at the place where the vessel is located, in its present
13 condition, and without cost to the Government. The con-
14 veyance of the vessel under this section shall not be consid-
15 ered a distribution in commerce for purposes of section
16 6(e) of Public Law 94–469 (15 U.S.C. 2605(e)).

17 (c) OTHER EXCESS EQUIPMENT.—The Commandant
18 may convey to the recipient any excess equipment or parts
19 from other decommissioned Coast Guard vessels for use
20 to enhance the vessel’s operability and function as an his-
21 torical display.

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