

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

April 18, 2019

Admiral Karl L. Schultz
Commandant
United States Coast Guard
2703 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20593

Dear Admiral Schultz:

We write regarding the late Arnold Palmer's honorable service to our nation in the United States Coast Guard. Mr. Palmer, a revered and legendary professional golfer, was also an enlisted service member in the United States Coast Guard (USCG) from 1951 to 1953.

Mr. Palmer, famously known as "the King," was born in Latrobe, Pennsylvania in 1929 and graduated from Greater Latrobe High School in 1947. In 1951, Mr. Palmer attended recruit training at Cape May, New Jersey. There, he was assigned the role of physical fitness and self-defense instructor. He would go on to serve as a yeoman for Rear Admiral Roy L. Raney, Commander of the 9th Coast Guard District Auxiliary in Cleveland, Ohio. Arnold Palmer credited his successful golf career to his enlisted service, stating: "The knowledge that I gained, the maturity that I gained in the Coast Guard was unbelievable ... It matured me. It made me a better person."

Arnold Palmer's commitment to our nation went beyond golf and his service in the USCG. To this day, his philanthropic efforts, known as "Arnie's Army," continue after his passing through the Arnold & Winnie Palmer Foundation, the Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children and Women in Orlando, Florida, and the Arnold Palmer Cancer Center at Excelsa Hospital in Unity Township, Pennsylvania.

In recognition of his notable service and philanthropy, we respectfully request that you consider naming a Fast Response Cutter (FRC) or other suitable vessel in the USCG Fleet after Arnold Palmer. As you know, FRCs are named after enlisted leaders, trailblazers, and heroes of the USCG. To date, Congress has funded 56 FRCs with the 29th such vessel being commissioned into service on November 8, 2018.

Thank you for your consideration of our request. We appreciate your service to the nation and commitment to our service members in the USCG.

Very Respectfully,



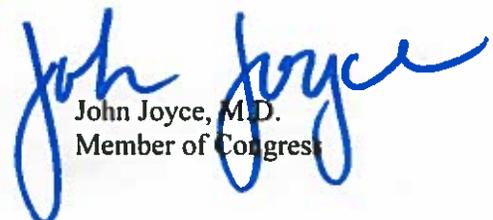
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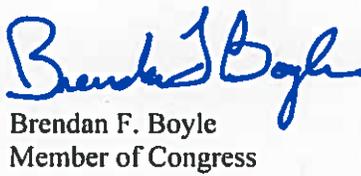
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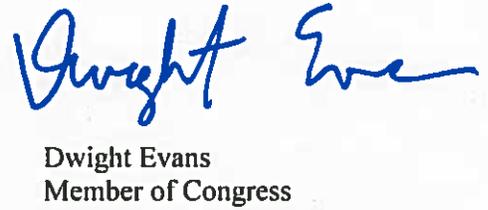
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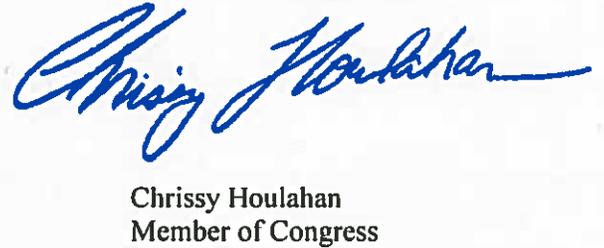
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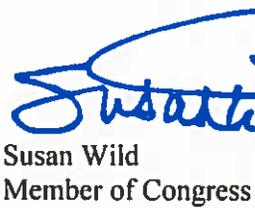
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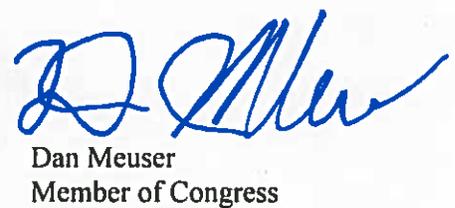
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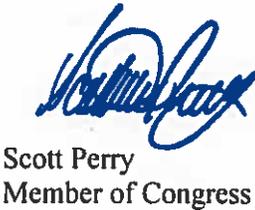
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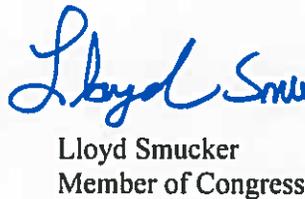
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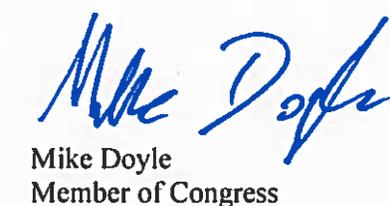
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