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November 8, 2013

To All Interested Parties:

The City Council adopted the action(s), as attached, under Council File No. 13-0002-S116, at its meeting held October 30, 2013.

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SUBJECT TO THE CONCURRENCE OF THE MAYOR

COUNCIL FILE NO. 13-0002-S116

COUNCIL DISTRICT _____

COUNCIL APPROVAL DATE October 30, 2013

RE: THE CITY'S POSITION TO SUPPORT HR 1936 (HAHN), THE HONORING OUR MERCHANT MARINERS OF WORLD WAR II ACT OF 2013

LAST DAY FOR MAYOR TO ACT NOV 12 2013
[10 Day Charter requirement as per Charter Section 231(h)]

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*Transmit objections in writing pursuant to Charter Section 231 (h)

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RULES, ELECTIONS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT and RESOLUTION relative to the City's position to support HR 1936 (Hahn), the Honoring Our Merchant Mariners of World War II Act of 2013.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Resolution (Buscaino - LaBonge), SUBJECT TO THE CONCURRENCE OF THE MAYOR:

ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION to include in the City's 2013-14 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT of HR 1936 (Hahn), the Honoring Our Merchant Mariners of World War II Act of 2013, which would provide benefits to individuals who served in the U.S. Merchant Marines during World War II and who were unjustly excluded from eligibility for benefits under the G.I. Bill of Rights.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA). The City Administrative Officer has not completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

At its regular meeting of October 18, 2013, the Rules, Elections and Intergovernmental Relations Committee considered a CLA report and Resolution (Buscaino - LaBonge) relative to the the City's position to support HR 1936 (Hahn), the Honoring Our Merchant Mariners of World War II Act of 2013. The CLA report, attached to the Council file, provides a summary of the Resolution and additional background information.

After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended that Council adopt the accompanying Resolution. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.


Respectfully Submitted,

RULES, ELECTIONS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

ADOPTED

OCT 30 2013

MEMBER	VOTE
WESSON:	YES
HUIZAR:	ABSENT
LABONGE:	YES



LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

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MAYOR WITH FILE

13-0002-S116

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Merchant Marines served their country during World War II by performing the hazardous duty of transporting troops, food, equipment, fuel and other needed supplies to every theater of the war; and

WHEREAS, it has been said that the World War II Merchant Marines suffered the highest casualty rate of any of the branches of service and whose chance of dying during service was extremely high; and

WHEREAS, a great injustice was imposed upon the World War II Merchant Mariners in that those who survived the war were denied veteran's benefits under the G.1. Bill of Rights that was enacted by Congress in 1945, and the contributions to the war effort of these brave veterans were not officially recognized until 1988, when Congress passed the Seaman Acts, which provided some benefits to the World War II Merchant Mariners but still did not provide veteran's status for purposes of calculating Social Security benefits as was granted to World War II veterans of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force and Coast Guard; and

WHEREAS, Congresswoman Janice Hahn of California has introduced H.R. 1936, which would provide a tax-exempt, monthly benefit of \$1,000 to each honorably discharged, eligible World War II Merchant Mariner veteran or surviving spouse; a veteran's burial and cemetery benefits; and veteran's benefits under the Social Security Act;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2013-2014 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT of H.R. 1936 (Hahn), the "Honoring Our Merchant Mariners of World War II Act of 2013," which would provide benefits to individuals who served in the U.S. Merchant Marines during World War II and who were unjustly excluded from eligibility for benefits under the G.1. Bill of Rights.

ADOPTED

OCT 30 2013

LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

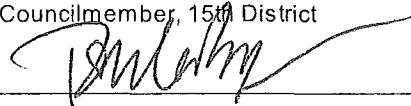


PRESENTED BY:



JOE BUSCAINO
Councilmember, 15th District

SECONDED BY:



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