

113TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. RES. 183

Commemorating the relaunching of the 172-year-old Charles W. Morgan  
by Mystic Seaport: The Museum of America and the Sea.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 24, 2013

Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. MURPHY) submitted the following  
resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## RESOLUTION

Commemorating the relaunching of the 172-year-old Charles  
W. Morgan by Mystic Seaport: The Museum of America  
and the Sea.

Whereas the Charles W. Morgan (referred to in this preamble  
as the “Morgan”) was built and launched from New Bed-  
ford, Massachusetts, in 1841;

Whereas the Morgan is a National Historic Landmark vessel,  
the only remaining wooden whaleship in the world, and  
the oldest commercial vessel in the United States;

Whereas the Morgan and similar vessels were the economic  
backbone of New England for 200 years;

Whereas the Morgan has served as a living artifact and a tes-  
tament to the ingenuity, risk, and entrepreneurship of

the United States since the vessel retired from the whaling industry in 1921;

Whereas the Morgan has completed a 5-year, multi-million dollar restoration at the Preservation Shipyard of Mystic Seaport: The Museum of America and the Sea and will be relaunched on July 21, 2013;

Whereas the Morgan will embark on a ceremonial 38th voyage in June 2014, serving as “Ambassador” to the world’s whales and to the world’s whaling heritage;

Whereas the 38th voyage of the Morgan will rekindle the spirit of exploration and discovery of people throughout the world;

Whereas individuals and organizations from 22 States have contributed materials and expertise to the restoration and 38th voyage of the Morgan; and

Whereas the new mission of the Morgan will be devoted to history, education, science, and ocean awareness: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2            (1) commemorates the relaunching of the  
3        whaleship Charles W. Morgan and commends the  
4        staff, volunteers, and trustees of Mystic Seaport:  
5        The Museum of America and the Sea for their ef-  
6        forts to preserve and protect the maritime heritage  
7        of the United States;

8            (2) supports the plan of Mystic Seaport: The  
9        Museum of America and the Sea to reinterpret the  
10       Charles W. Morgan as a vessel of scientific and edu-

1        cational exploration whose cargo is knowledge and  
2        whose mission is to promote awareness of the mari-  
3        time heritage of the United States and the conserva-  
4        tion of the species the Morgan hunted; and

5            (3) recognizes the Charles W. Morgan as the  
6        “Ambassador to the Whales”, dedicated to advanc-  
7        ing public understanding of species conservation.

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