

Public Law 100-295
100th Congress

Joint Resolution

Recognizing the identical plaques initiated by Sami Bandak, created by Margareta Hennix and Ginvanni Bizzini, and depicting the Calmare Nyckel, the ship that brought the first Swedish settlers to North America, as significant symbols of the "Year of New Sweden"; and providing for the placement of one of such plaques at Fort Christina in the State of Delaware.

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Whereas, in Public Law 99-304 (100 Stat. 439), the Congress designated 1988 as the "Year of New Sweden" to commemorate the 350th anniversary of the arrival of the first Swedish settlers in North America;

Whereas such Swedish settlers sailed aboard the Calmare Nyckel, established New Sweden as their first settlement in North America in what is now Wilmington, Delaware, and built Fort Christina to defend their settlement;

Whereas Fort Christina is designated as a National Historic Landmark and will be the site of several activities to observe the "Year of New Sweden";

Whereas, as part of the celebration of the "Year of New Sweden", the artists Margareta Hennix and Ginvanni Bizzini, together with the House of Gustavsberg in Gustavsberg, Sweden, created a limited number of identical plaques depicting the Calmare Nyckel;

Whereas such plaques are painted in silver and bear the seal of His Majesty Carl Gustaf XVI, the King of Sweden; and

Whereas a part of the proceeds from the sale of such plaques will be donated to charities that help the handicapped: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. RECOGNITION OF CALMARE NYCKEL PLAQUES.

The identical plaques initiated by Sami Bandak, created by Margareta Hennix and Ginvanni Bizzini (together with the House of Gustavsberg), and depicting the Calmare Nyckel, the ship that brought the first Swedish settlers to North America, are hereby recognized as significant symbols of the "Year of New Sweden".

SEC. 2. ACCEPTANCE AND PLACEMENT OF PLAQUE.

Gifts and
property.

The Secretary of the Interior shall—

- (1) accept as a gift from Sami Bandak on behalf of the House of Gustavsberg one of the plaques referred to in section 1, and
- (2) with the consent of the owner of Fort Christina in the State of Delaware, place such plaque at such site to commemorate the 350th anniversary of the establishment of New Sweden.

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