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Mrs. BENTLEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries

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Additional sponsors: Ms. SNOWE, Mr. RANGEL, Mrs. MEEK, Mr. FROST, Mr. KING, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. HORN, Mr. LEWIS of California, Ms. HARMAN, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. FURSE, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. WELDON, Mr. RAVENEL, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. MOORHEAD, Mr. COBLE, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. CASTLE, Mr. GILCHREST, Mr. FIELDS of Texas, and Mr. SWIFT

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Merchant Marine
5 Memorial Enhancement Act of 1993”.

6 **SEC. 2. CONVEYANCE VESSELS.**

7 (a) **AUTHORITY TO CONVEY.**—The Secretary of
8 Transportation may convey without consideration all
9 right, title, and interest of the United States in 2 vessels
10 described in subsection (b) to any nonprofit organization
11 which operates and maintains a Liberty Ship or Victory
12 Ship as a memorial to merchant mariners.

13 (b) **VESSELS DESCRIBED.**—Vessels which may be
14 conveyed under subsection (a) are vessels which—

15 (1) are in the National Defense Reserve Fleet
16 on the date of the enactment of this Act;

17 (2) are not less than ~~10,000~~ 4,000

18 (3) have no usefulness to the Government; and

19 (4) are scheduled to be scrapped.

20 (c) **CONDITIONS OF CONVEYANCE.**—As a condition of
21 conveying any vessel to an organization under subsection
22 (a), the Secretary shall require that before the date of the
23 conveyance the organization enter into an agreement
24 under which the organization shall—

25 (1) sell the vessel for scrap purposes;

1 (2) use the proceeds of that scrapping for the
2 purpose of refurbishing and making seaworthy a
3 Liberty Ship or Victory Ship which the organization
4 maintains as a memorial to merchant mariners, to
5 enable the ship to participate in 1994 in commemo-
6 rative activities in conjunction with the 50th anni-
7 versary of the Normandy invasion; and

8 (3) return to the United States any proceeds of
9 scrapping carried out pursuant to paragraph (1)
10 which are not used in accordance with paragraph
11 (2).

12 (d) DEPOSIT OF AMOUNTS RETURNED.—Amounts
13 returned to the United States pursuant to subsection
14 (c)(3) shall be deposited in the Vessel Operations Revolv-
15 ing Fund created by the Act of June 2, 1951 (65 Stat.
16 59; 46 App. U.S.C. 1241a).

17 (e) DELIVERY OF VESSELS.—The Secretary shall de-
18 liver each vessel conveyed under this section—

19 (1) at the place where the vessel is located on
20 the date of the approval of the conveyance by the
21 Secretary;

22 (2) in its condition on that date; and

23 (3) without cost to the Government.

24 (f) EXPIRATION OF AUTHORITY TO CONVEY.—The
25 authority of the Secretary under this section to convey ves-

1 sels shall expire on the date that is 2 years after the date
2 of the enactment of this Act.