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Expressing support for designation of the week of September 22, 2013, through September 28, 2013, as “National Marine Technology Week” to recognize the important contributions that marine technology has made to the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 1, 2013

Mr. FARR (for himself and Mr. YOUNG of Alaska) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

RESOLUTION

Expressing support for designation of the week of September 22, 2013, through September 28, 2013, as “National Marine Technology Week” to recognize the important contributions that marine technology has made to the United States.

Whereas 50 years of marine technology have benefitted the economy and the environment of the United States;

Whereas ocean exploration by scientists and engineers has taken them to the greatest depths of the sea and to archeological sites;

Whereas underwater technologies, such as remotely operated vehicles, autonomous underwater vehicles, and manned submersibles, have led to the discovery of many historic

shipwrecks, including that of the RMS Titanic, the Bismarck, USS Yorktown, and the SS Cental America;

Whereas the advancement of marine technologies is credited with reducing the negative economic and infrastructural effects and loss of life caused by storms;

Whereas the advancement of marine technologies has provided significant improvements in the mitigation of environmental and natural disasters;

Whereas the advancement of marine technologies in fisheries has improved the economy, the environment, and the way of life for many individuals in several regions of the United States;

Whereas the advancement of marine technologies is credited with detecting ocean pollution, including debris items and other obstructions on the seafloor, that may be hazardous for shipping and seafloor installations;

Whereas the marine technology industry improves the technologies used in the development of energy and renewable energy from ocean waves, tides, off-shore wind, minerals, salinity, petroleum, and natural gas;

Whereas the technological achievements of the marine scientists and engineers working for Federal agencies, private maritime industries, and nonprofit organizations have set enviable standards for the world in commercial endeavors, policy, and innovation;

Whereas there exist in the United States numerous internationally recognized centers of excellence in the academic pursuit of marine science and engineering;

Whereas the use of marine technology for education in the classroom contributes to teaching middle school students, high school students, and students at institutions of high-

er education the value of ocean-related careers and has improved science, technology, engineering, and math skills of such students; and

Whereas September 22, 2013, through September 28, 2013, would be an appropriate week to designate as “National Marine Technology Week”: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) supports the designation of “National Ma-
3 rine Technology Week”;

4 (2) recognizes the important contributions that
5 marine technology has made to the United States;
6 and

7 (3) calls upon the people of the United States
8 to observe “National Marine Technology Week” with
9 appropriate ceremonies and activities.

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