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H.P. 210

House of Representatives, January 23, 2001

An Act to Establish Destroyer Escort Day.

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

Millicent M. MacFarland

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative MAILHOT of Lewiston.
Cosponsored by Senator DOUGLASS of Androscoggin and
Representatives: BOUFFARD of Lewiston, COTE of Lewiston, MAYO of Bath, O'BRIEN of
Lewiston, SCHNEIDER of Durham, SIMPSON of Auburn, TUTTLE of Sanford, Senator:
ROTUNDO of Androscoggin.

2 **Emergency preamble. Whereas,** Acts of the Legislature do not
become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted
as emergencies; and

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6 **Whereas,** the 3rd Saturday in June is the designated time to
celebrate and honor the destroyer escort ships; and

8 **Whereas,** in order to expedite timely commemoration
ceremonies and events and to have this legislation in time for
10 the actual date of the celebration, this legislation must be
enacted immediately; and

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14 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
16 Maine and require the following legislation as immediately
necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
safety; now, therefore,

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20 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

22 **Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §139** is enacted to read:

24 **§139. Destroyer Escort Day**

26 The 3rd Saturday in June of each year is designated as
Destroyer Escort Day in this State, and the Governor shall
28 annually issue a proclamation inviting the people of the State to
observe this day in honor of the destroyer escort ships and the
30 people from this State who gallantly served on them as they
performed antisubmarine duties, escorted convoys and tankers and
32 performed search and rescue operations for downed pilots and
survivors of ill-fated ships during World War II, the Korean
34 Conflict and the War in Vietnam.

36 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

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40 **SUMMARY**

42 This bill establishes the 3rd Saturday in June of each year
as Destroyer Escort Day in this State in honor of the destroyer
escort ships and the people from this State who served on them.