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SELECTED MEMORIALS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

**JOINT RESOLUTION
COMMEMORATING THE
CENTENNIAL OF ACADIA
NATIONAL PARK**

S.P. 636

WHEREAS, Sieur de Monts National Monument was created by proclamation of President Woodrow Wilson in 1916 and was renamed Lafayette National Park in 1919 and Acadia National Park in 1929; and

WHEREAS, Acadia National Park is Maine's only national park and was established to ensure that Maine's natural and cultural heritage, including its rocky coastline, granite mountains, clean water, diverse plants and wildlife and enduring Wabanaki and European histories, is protected and recognized within the National Park System as a part of America's heritage; and

WHEREAS, Acadia National Park is one of Maine's most popular outdoor destinations, with over 2,500,000 visitors annually; and

WHEREAS, Acadia National Park has inspired generations of outdoor enthusiasts to appreciate Maine's natural and historic wonders; and

WHEREAS, Acadia National Park has been named by national public polls as "America's Favorite Place" and is identified as a top destination for hiking, scenic driving and family vacations; and

WHEREAS, visitors to Acadia National Park spent more than \$221,000,000 in Maine during their visits in 2014, supporting almost 3,500 jobs and generating more than \$91,000,000 in labor income and \$154,000,000 in value-added expenditures in Maine; and

WHEREAS, more than 250 Maine organizations, businesses and individuals have joined together to plan and implement a community-based, year-long, state-wide celebration of Acadia National Park's founding with an eye toward encouraging the next century of stewardship of Maine's beloved national park; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize the centennial of Acadia National Park; to express gratitude to the founders of the park; to commend the National Park Service, volunteers and park supporters for their commitment of time, financial resources and knowledge to maintain the park for all to enjoy; and to convey our hope that future generations of Maine residents and visitors will continue this commitment to stewardship of Acadia National Park; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to officials at Acadia National Park and the citizens of the surrounding towns in honor of the centennial of Acadia National Park.

**Read and adopted by the Senate February 11, 2016
and the House of Representatives February 16,
2016.**

**JOINT RESOLUTION
HONORING THE LIVES OF
THE 33 CREW MEMBERS
OF THE EL FARO**

H.P. 1089

WHEREAS, the *El Faro* departed Jacksonville, Florida for Puerto Rico on September 29, 2015 with 33 crew members aboard; and

WHEREAS, the crew of the *El Faro* consisted of 28 citizens of the United States and 5 Polish nationals; and

WHEREAS, the *El Faro* sent distress alerts on October 1, 2015 and subsequently sank with all hands that day; and

WHEREAS, members of the United States Coast Guard, Navy and Air Force valiantly searched for the crew members of the *El Faro*; and

WHEREAS, the people of Maine mourn the loss of the 33 crew members aboard the *El Faro*; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, recognize and honor the lives of the 33 crew members aboard the *El Faro*, who were lost after the *El Faro* sank on October 1, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED: That we recognize the efforts of the members of the United States Coast Guard, Navy, Air Force and Military Sealift Command who searched for the crew members of the *El Faro*; and be it further

RESOLVED: That we recognize the 4 crew members from Maine who were aboard the *El Faro*: Michael Davidson, of Windham; Michael Holland, of Wilton; Dylan Meklin, of Rockland; and Danielle Randolph, of Rockland; and also Mitchell Kuflik, of Brooklyn, New York, a graduate of Maine Maritime Academy; and be it further

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RESOLVED: That we offer our heartfelt condolences to the families, friends and loved ones of the crew members of the *El Faro*.

**Read and adopted by the House of Representatives
February 23, 2016 and the Senate February 23,
2016.**

**JOINT RESOLUTION
HONORING THE MAINE
NATIONAL GUARD FOR
ITS SERVICE TO THE
NATION AND STATE**

H.P. 1134

WHEREAS, patriots from the District of Maine first mustered to form a militia to fight for the colonies in the Revolutionary War and for the nation during the War of 1812; and

WHEREAS, the Maine National Guard has proudly served the citizens of the State during natural disasters such as forest fires, floods and storms and has bravely defended the United States of America during times of war since Maine first entered the Union in 1820, and over the years the highest percentages of volunteers have been Maine people; and

WHEREAS, nearly 12,000 members of the Maine Army National Guard and the Maine Air National Guard have faithfully answered the call to duty in America's Global War on Terror; at times the State has had a larger percentage of personnel mobilized in support of that mission than any other state in the Union; and

WHEREAS, members of the Maine Army National Guard and the Maine Air National Guard continue to defend freedom and democracy around the globe, including in Iraq and Afghanistan, where they are playing a vital role in protecting the safety and security of all Americans; and

WHEREAS, the people of Maine have the utmost respect for the members of the Maine Army National Guard and the Maine Air National Guard for putting their lives in danger for the sake of the freedoms enjoyed by all Americans; and

WHEREAS, the people of Maine are appreciative of the countless personal and professional sacrifices that the active volunteers of the Maine Army National Guard and the Maine Air National Guard and their families have made in order to protect our freedoms; and

WHEREAS, since the tragic events of 9/11, countless Maine citizens have made sacrifices to serve and defend our country through the National Guard and to fight for our freedom, and 61 brave Maine citizens have answered the final call; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to express our solidarity with the men and women on active duty in the Maine Army National Guard and the Maine Air National Guard and their families; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Adjutant General of the Maine National Guard.

**Read and adopted by the House of Representatives
March 22, 2016 and the Senate March 23, 2016.**

**JOINT RESOLUTION
MEMORIALIZING THE
PRESIDENT OF THE
UNITED STATES AND THE
UNITED STATES
CONGRESS TO TAKE
ACTION FOR STRONG
ENFORCEMENT OF OUR
NATION'S TRADE LAWS**

S.P. 708

WE, your Memorialists, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Maine now assembled in the Second Regular Session, most respectfully present and petition the President of the United States and the United States Congress as follows:

WHEREAS, manufacturing is a critical part of Maine's economy, representing a 9.13% share of the gross state product, and Maine has 49,900 manufacturing jobs, representing 7.16% of total state employment; and

WHEREAS, manufacturing gained only 30,000 jobs nationwide in 2015, in an economy that gained 2,700,000 jobs across all sectors, and the Institute for Supply Management manufacturing index shows that the sector contracted in February 2016 for the 5th consecutive month; and

WHEREAS, industrial manufacturing sectors are at risk of sliding back into recession due to an alarming surge of unfairly priced imports from China and other nations; and

WHEREAS, the United States trade deficit with China set a new record in 2015 at \$366,000,000,000; and

WHEREAS, the steel industry in particular is suffering from an unprecedented surge in imports from a number of countries around the world, including China; and

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WHEREAS, steel is a fundamental building block of our economy, used in the automotive industry, energy production and transmission, transportation infrastructure including bridges, highways, airports and railroads, public safety infrastructure such as water treatment, and the construction of hospitals, schools, industrial plants and commercial buildings; and

WHEREAS, steel is used in a broad range of military applications, from aircraft carriers to nuclear submarines, tanks and armored transports; and

WHEREAS, the steel industry provides employment for over 1,000,000 Americans and each steel job supports up to 7 other jobs in the economy; and

WHEREAS, finished steel imports increased by a dramatic 36% in 2014, setting an all-time record, and constituted 29% of the United States market in 2015, setting an all-time record for the 2nd consecutive year, up from 23% in 2013; and

WHEREAS, domestic steel shipments declined by over 12% in 2015 and plant activity averaged just 70% for 2015 and are well below levels necessary to be profitable; and

WHEREAS, the aluminum industry directly employs more than 155,000 people and the industry is directly or indirectly responsible for 678,000 jobs; and

WHEREAS, every job in the aluminum industry supports more than 3 jobs elsewhere in the economy and the aluminum industry in China is growing at a remarkable rate, from 11% of the world's primary aluminum production in 2000 to over 50% today; and

WHEREAS, aluminum shipments from China surged by 28% in the last year and Chinese aluminum producers have added an additional 17 metric tons of production since 2010; and

WHEREAS, paper imports coming into the United States since 2012 have caused 8 uncoated paper mills to close or shut down machines, causing the loss of thousands of jobs, and for every paper industry job that is lost 6 others are indirectly lost in other sectors of the economy; and

WHEREAS, paper imports from China have increased from 23,600 metric tons in 2012 to 62,400 metric tons in 2014 and a major cause of this import surge is global industry overcapacity, which is excess production capacity above what is necessary to meet market demand; and

WHEREAS, China's steel, aluminum and paper industries are almost completely state-owned and state-supported by China's central and provincial governments and China's exports are flooding every market around the world, creating a domino effect on trade flows; and

WHEREAS, much of the world's steel, aluminum and paper end up in the United States because we have the most open market in the world and because other countries are more aggressive in putting safeguards and tariffs in place; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, your Memorialists, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to respectfully urge that the President of the United States and the United States Congress take action for strong enforcement of our nation's trade laws to level the playing field with China and other countries and to protect domestic manufacturing industries from unfair foreign competition; and be it further

RESOLVED: That we respectfully urge the United States Department of Commerce to maintain China's status as a "non-market economy," a country that does not operate on market principles of cost or pricing structures and in which sales of merchandise do not reflect fair value, in order to preserve the ability of American companies and American workers to access domestic trade remedies; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Honorable Barack H. Obama, President of the United States, to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and to each Member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

Read and adopted by the Senate April 29, 2016 and the House of Representatives April 29, 2016.
