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Recognizing the 100th anniversary of the Port of Long Beach.

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Ms. RICHARDSON (for herself, Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California, Mr. FILNER, Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mr. ISSA, Mr. CALVERT, and Mr. GARAMENDI) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the 100th anniversary of the Port of Long Beach.

Whereas, on June 24, 1911, the Port of Long Beach, located on 800 acres of marshland at the mouth of the Los Angeles River, was officially opened to the world;

Whereas on that day, the S.S. Iaquia unloaded 280,000 feet of redwood lumber at a small pier of wood and concrete, becoming the first ship to call on the Port of Long Beach;

Whereas the first Board of Harbor Commissioners assembled in 1919 to direct operations of the harbor following its acquisition by the City of Long Beach, California;

Whereas after nearly a decade of dredging and harbor improvements, in 1926 the Port of Long Beach attained “deep water” port status and records 1,000,000 tons of cargo having passed through its piers since the Iaqua;

Whereas the 1930s witnessed the expansion of the San Pedro Bay breakwater and the discovery of oil, ushering in an era of unprecedented growth for the Port and the City of Long Beach;

Whereas the United States Navy established a facility in 1940 at Terminal Island that would become the Long Beach Naval Shipyard, which provided critical support to United States operations in the Pacific Ocean during World War II, and remained a major military facility until 1997;

Whereas the Jacobson Pilot Station was the first of its kind in the Americas to install a shore-based radar system in 1949, and Time Magazine dubbed the Port of Long Beach “America’s Most Modern Port”;

Whereas in 1973, the Port of Long Beach became the first port in the Western Hemisphere to receive the Environmental “E” Award from the American Association of Port Authorities for its efforts to prevent oil spills, process sewage, clean the harbor, and monitor water quality, and received the E-Star Award from the United States Department of Commerce one year later;

Whereas in 1996 and 1997, the Port of Long Beach handled more shipping containers than any other United States port, and is currently the second busiest port in the United States and one of the busiest in the world;

Whereas the Port of Long Beach continues its legacy of environmentally sensitive operations through its Green Port

Policy and its Clean Air Action Plan which have become the model for similar facilities around the world seeking to improve water quality, reduce emissions, prevent contamination, protect wildlife, and implement sustainable practices in daily operations;

Whereas the Port of Long Beach has taken unprecedented steps to connect with its surrounding communities, offering free tours of the Port to the public, holding community forums, awarding scholarships, pioneering trade-related educational programs, and hosting the annual Green Port Fest; and

Whereas the Port of Long Beach directly supports over 300,000 jobs across Southern California and impacts millions more across the Nation, and shall begin its 100th year as a proven engine of economic growth: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) recognizes the 100th anniversary of the
3 Port of Long Beach;

4 (2) recognizes the contributions to United
5 States shipping made during the Port's history; and

6 (3) acknowledges the critical importance of the
7 Port to continuing prosperity and capacity for future
8 trade in the United States.

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