

112TH CONGRESS
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S. RES. 193

Honoring the bicentennial of the City of Astoria.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 19, 2011

Mr. MERKLEY (for himself and Mr. WYDEN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Honoring the bicentennial of the City of Astoria.

Whereas Astoria is a scenic gem on the coast of Oregon, and the residents of Astoria have long represented the essence of what it means to be an Oregonian;

Whereas the site of Astoria, located at the mouth of the Columbia River where the Columbia River meets the Pacific Ocean, marks the endpoint of the epic Lewis and Clark expedition to explore the American West, and was founded by fur traders in 1811;

Whereas Thomas Jefferson recognized Astoria as the Nation's first significant claim to the West and noted that were it not for the settlement of Astoria, the United States may have ended at the Rocky Mountains;

Whereas Astoria evolved from being a fur trading hub to serving as the ad-hoc capital of Oregon Country, and

later became a prominent leader in the fishing and timber industries and an important port city;

Whereas Astoria was incorporated in 1856, and today is a center for manufacturing, art, tourism, and fishing;

Whereas settlers from Scandinavia and China were among the first to come to Astoria, and the presence of their descendants has contributed to a town rich in both history and culture;

Whereas Astoria is a vibrant tourism destination that has chronicled its remarkable history with the establishment of superb museums and well-preserved historical sites;

Whereas citizens of Astoria and visitors from around the country and the world enjoy boating, fishing, and hiking in one of the most beautiful areas on the West Coast; and

Whereas the natural beauty of the region has been noted by many artists, filmmakers, and writers, serving as the backdrop for many stories, including the beloved film “The Goonies”: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

2 (1) Astoria’s bicentennial should be observed
3 and celebrated;

4 (2) the people of Astoria should be thanked for
5 their many pioneering contributions to the State of
6 Oregon and the United States; and

1 (3) an enrolled copy of this resolution should be
2 transmitted to the State of Oregon for appropriate
3 display.

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