

House Resolution 621

By: Representatives Gullett of the 19th, Townsend of the 179th, Sainz of the 180th, DeLoach of the 167th, Gambill of the 15th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the 80-year anniversary of the establishment of the J.A. Jones Shipyard; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, prior to its direct involvement in World War II, the United States provided aid
4 through a lend-lease program to any nation deemed vital to the defense and security of this
5 nation; and

6 WHEREAS, built in order to provide Great Britain with replacement naval ships, the J.A.
7 Jones Shipyard was designed specifically for the construction of Liberty Ships, which were
8 produced quickly and proved invaluable for Allied success; and

9 WHEREAS, thousands of men and women flocked to Brunswick, Georgia, after President
10 Franklin Delano Roosevelt enacted the Emergency Shipbuilding Program, answering the call
11 to serve their country in the newly erected facility; and

12 WHEREAS, from 1943 to 1945, these courageous men and women sacrificed innumerable
13 hours of their time and energy, worked through holidays, and even handed their wages over
14 to the United States Treasury in order to support the war effort, producing an astounding 85
15 Liberty Ships and several others of a smaller design; and

16 WHEREAS, it is through the American spirit, incredible work ethic, and determination of
17 individuals such as these that this nation's freedom and liberty is protected and safeguarded
18 for future generations, who in turn carry the torch passed onto them by their ancestors; and

19 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments and
20 rich history of this extraordinary shipyard be appropriately honored.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
22 the members of this body recognize the 80-year anniversary of the establishment of the J.A.
23 Jones Shipyard and honor the sacrifices of the men and women who dedicated much of their
24 time and labor to ensure the safety of this country.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
26 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
27 public and the press.