

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 5306

To direct the Secretary of the Navy to notify Congress of the pending retirement of any naval vessel that is a viable candidate for artificial reefing, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 21, 2021

Ms. SALAZAR (for herself, Mr. CASE, Mr. WALTZ, Mr. MAST, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. GIMENEZ, Mrs. MURPHY of Florida, Mr. VAN DREW, Mrs. LURIA, Mr. CURTIS, Mr. SUOZZI, Ms. BROWNLEY, Mr. STEUBE, Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN, Mr. RUTHERFORD, Mr. GAETZ, Mr. DUNN, Mrs. DEMINGS, Mr. C. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida, Mr. RICE of South Carolina, and Mr. WEBSTER of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Re-using Equipment
5 for Environmental Fortification Act” or the “REEF Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION OF PENDING RE-**
2 **TIREMENTS OF NAVAL VESSELS THAT ARE**
3 **VIABLE CANDIDATES FOR ARTIFICIAL**
4 **REEFING.**

5 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
6 gress that the Secretary of the Navy should explore and
7 solicit artificial reefing opportunities with appropriate en-
8 tities for any naval vessel planned for retirement before
9 initiating any plans to dispose of the vessel.

10 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days before the re-
11 tirement from the Naval Vessel Register of any naval ves-
12 sel that is a viable candidate for artificial reefing, the Sec-
13 retary of the Navy shall notify Congress of the pending
14 retirement of such vessel.

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