

114TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. RES. 718

Honoring the 75th Anniversary of Flotilla 11–1, 8th District-Western Rivers
Region, Coast Guard Auxiliary.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 3, 2016

Mr. PAULSEN (for himself, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. NOLAN, and Mr. ELLISON)
submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee
on Transportation and Infrastructure

RESOLUTION

Honoring the 75th Anniversary of Flotilla 11–1, 8th District-
Western Rivers Region, Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Whereas the Coast Guard Reserve and Auxiliary was created
by Congress on June 23, 1939, and redesignated the
Coast Guard Auxiliary on February 19, 1941;

Whereas the Coast Guard Auxiliary was created to support
the Coast Guard in all functions except military oper-
ations and law enforcement;

Whereas the Coast Guard Auxiliary is supported by 32,000
volunteers in 1,000 local units across the United States
that provide over 2 million hours per year helping to keep
waterways safe;

Whereas Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 11–1 was established
in 1941 in Afton, Minnesota, is the oldest flotilla in the

Coast Guard 8th District-Western Rivers Region, and is one of the longest existing flotilla units in the entire Coast Guard Auxiliary;

Whereas Flotilla 11-1 is led by Flotilla Commander Jon D. Knutson and Vice Flotilla Commander Erich John Hodurski and currently operates out of St. Paul, Minnesota;

Whereas Flotilla 11-1 provides support and operates on the Minnesota River, the Mississippi River, and the St. Croix River;

Whereas the volunteers of Flotilla 11-1 spend thousands of hours each year conducting boater safety classes and no-cost boat safety checks, verifying that all aids to navigation are in place and functioning, and conducting environmental protection projects, safety patrols, and on-the-water response as necessary;

Whereas in August of 2007 volunteers of Flotilla 11-1 responded to the collapse of the Interstate 35W Mississippi River Bridge and provided critical ferry service to the scene of the collapse for local officials; and

Whereas Flotilla 11-1 monitors the marine emergency channel and responds to any boaters in need of assistance, including for disabled boats and medical emergencies: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives recog-
- 2 nizes Flotilla 11-1, 8th District-Western Rivers Region,
- 3 Coast Guard Auxiliary for celebrating its 75th anniversary
- 4 and for the contributions it makes in supporting the local
- 5 boating community in Minnesota.

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