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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS:

Marine radio telegraph operators in the American merchant marine perform a critically important function aboard merchant ships for which they are qualified by training and experience and for which they are licensed by the Federal Communications Commission, and

WHEREAS:

Marine radio operators are the only licensed personnel aboard merchant ships which have not yet received official recognition of their proper status, and

WHEREAS:

Marine radio operators are recognized as and accorded the status of officers in many foreign countries, and

WHEREAS:

Recognition of Officer's Status was given during the war by the United States Maritime Service which established Officer's rating for marine radio operators, and

WHEREAS:

In over one hundred and fifty collective bargaining agreements held by AOA-CIO with shipping companies the status of radio officers is recognized, and

WHEREAS:

The radio telegraph operator's devotion to duty has become a tradition of the sea and has been marked during the recent war by a heroic record of sacrifice and performance, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED:

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That **Sand Springs, Okla.** hereby goes on record in support of the principle of legislation providing Officer's Status for merchant marine radio operators, and calls upon **Geo. Schwabe, Congressman** to support and vote for legislation which will give Officer's Status to merchant marine radio operators as a matter of legislative enactment.

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