REVENUE: No revenue impact
FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Be Adopted
Vote:	8 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Bentz, Boone, Keny-Guyer, Krieger, Thompson, Witt, Bailey, Gilliam
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
Prepared By:	Beth Patrino, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	2/1

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Urges the President of the United States and the Congress to support full funding of the United States Coast Guard operational readiness and recapitalization requirements.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:
- Five member states of Pacific Fisheries Legislative Task Force are considering similar memorials
- Importance of sufficient funding to Coast Guard rescue missions

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The United States Coast Guard is one of the five armed forces of the United States and the only military organization within the Department of Homeland Security. Founded by Alexander Hamilton as the Revenue Cutter Service in 1790, the Coast Guard safeguards the country's maritime interests and the environment around the world. Today, the Coast Guard has nearly 42,000 men and women on active duty. According to the U.S. Coast Guard website, on an average day, the Coast Guard saves 12 lives, responds to 64 search and rescue cases, keeps 842 pounds of cocaine off the streets, services 116 buoys & fixes 24 discrepancies, screens 720 commercial vessels & 183,000 crew & passengers, issues 173 credentials to merchant mariners, investigates 13 marine accidents, inspects 68 containers, inspects 29 vessels for compliance with air emissions standards, performs 28 safety & environmental examinations of foreign vessels, boards 13 fishing boats to ensure compliance with fisheries laws, and responds and investigates 10 pollution incidents. The Coast Guard motto is "*Semper Paratus"* or "Always Ready."