

AMENDMENT TO
RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117-13
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At the end of subtitle G of title X, add the following new section:

1 SEC. ____. NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE SURFACE NAVY.

2 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-
3 ings:

4 (1) The United States Surface Navy represents
5 the millions of sailors and thousands of ships that
6 sail on oceans around the world to ensure the safety
7 and freedom of Americans and all people.

8 (2) The Battleship IOWA is an iconic Surface
9 Navy vessel that—

10 (A) served as home to hundreds of thou-
11 sands of sailors from all 50 States; and

12 (B) is recognized as a transformational
13 feat of engineering and innovation.

14 (3) In 2012, the Navy donated the Battleship
15 IOWA to the Pacific Battleship Center, a nonprofit
16 organization pursuant to section 501(c)(3) of the In-
17 ternal Revenue Code of 1986, after which the Center

1 established the Battleship IOWA Museum at the
2 Port of Los Angeles in Los Angeles, California.

3 (4) The Battleship IOWA Museum is a mu-
4 seum and educational institution that—

5 (A) has welcomed millions of visitors from
6 across the United States and receives support
7 from thousands of Americans throughout the
8 United States to preserve the legacy of those
9 who served on the Battleship IOWA and all
10 Surface Navy ships;

11 (B) is home to Los Angeles Fleet Week,
12 which has the highest public engagement of any
13 Fleet Week in the United States and raises
14 awareness of the importance of the Navy to de-
15 fending the United States, maintaining safe sea
16 lanes, and providing humanitarian assistance;

17 (C) hosts numerous military activities, in-
18 cluding enlistments, re-enlistments,
19 commissionings, promotions, and community
20 service days, with participants from throughout
21 the United States;

22 (D) is a leader in museum engagement
23 with innovative exhibits, diverse programming,
24 and use of technology;

1 (E) is an on-site training platform for Fed-
2 eral, State, and local law enforcement personnel
3 to use for a variety of training exercises, includ-
4 ing urban search and rescue and maritime secu-
5 rity exercises;

6 (F) is a partner with the Navy in carrying
7 out Defense Support of Civil Authorities efforts
8 by supporting training exercises and responses
9 to crises, including the COVID–19 pandemic;

10 (G) is a science, technology, engineering,
11 and mathematics education platform for thou-
12 sands of students each year;

13 (H) is an instrumental partner in the eco-
14 nomic development efforts along the Los Ange-
15 les waterfront by attracting hundreds of thou-
16 sands of visitors annually and improving the
17 quality of life for area residents; and

18 (I) provides a safe place for—

19 (i) veteran engagement and reintegra-
20 tion into the community through programs
21 and activities that provide a sense of be-
22 longing to members of the Armed Forces
23 and veterans; and

24 (ii) proud Americans to come together
25 in common purpose to highlight the impor-

1 tance of service to community for the fu-
2 ture of the United States.

3 (5) In January 2019, the Pacific Battleship
4 Center received a license for the rights of the Na-
5 tional Museum of the Surface Navy from the Navy
6 for the purpose of building such museum aboard the
7 Battleship IOWA at the Port of Los Angeles.

8 (6) The National Museum of the Surface Navy
9 will—

10 (A) be the official museum to honor mil-
11 lions of Americans who have proudly served and
12 continue to serve in the Surface Navy since the
13 founding of the Navy on October 13, 1775;

14 (B) be a community-based and future-ori-
15 ented museum that will raise awareness and
16 educate the public on the important role of the
17 Surface Navy in ensuring international rela-
18 tions, maintaining safe sea transit for free
19 trade, preventing piracy, providing humani-
20 tarian assistance, and enhancing the role of the
21 United States throughout the world;

22 (C) build on successes of the Battleship
23 IOWA Museum by introducing new exhibits and
24 programs with a focus on education, veterans,
25 and community;

1 (D) borrow and exhibit artifacts from the
2 Navy and other museums and individuals
3 throughout the United States; and

4 (E) work with individuals from the Surface
5 Navy community and the public to ensure that
6 the story of the Surface Navy community is ac-
7 curately interpreted and represented.

8 (b) DESIGNATION.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Battleship IOWA Mu-
10 seum, located in Los Angeles, California, and man-
11 aged by the Pacific Battleship Center, shall be des-
12 ignated as the “National Museum of the Surface
13 Navy”.

14 (2) PURPOSES.—The purposes of the National
15 Museum of the Surface Navy shall be to—

16 (A) provide and support—

17 (i) a museum dedicated to the United
18 States Surface Navy community; and

19 (ii) a platform for education, commu-
20 nity, and veterans programs;

21 (B) preserve, maintain, and interpret arti-
22 facts, documents, images, stories, and history
23 collected by the museum; and

24 (C) ensure that the American people un-
25 derstand the importance of the Surface Navy in

1 the continued freedom, safety, and security of
2 the United States.

