

**Fund U.S. Coast Guard Strategic and Operational Support
Resolution 18-13**

WHEREAS, America's citizens and our national security are at risk from a variety of transnational threats that honor no border; extreme nationalism, terrorism, international organized crime, illegal alien migration, drug trafficking, weapons smuggling, and proliferation of weapons, to the economic security of our ports; and

WHEREAS, the United States Coast Guard, as both an armed force under 10 USC and 14 USC, is the principal federal authority in the domestic port/maritime region, responsible for the prevention/response to threats to our national security in and around US ports; and

WHEREAS, the Coast Guard, by virtue of its unique blend of law enforcement, humanitarian and military capabilities and authorities, is expected to ensure security of our maritime borders and exclusive economic zones through detection and interdiction of national security threats, and when necessary, first response to port and coastal zone incidents, but lacks commensurate personnel, equipment, training, and infrastructure to ensure effective real-time multi-mission capability; and

WHEREAS, the Coast Guard Reserve (CGR) provides the Coast Guard with a critical force multiplier, particularly in the area Maritime Enforcement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ROA, chartered by Congress, urge Congress to provide the necessary support, including resources to the U.S. Coast Guard to ensure it can meet its homeland security responsibilities of maritime security, including critical infrastructure protection, economic security, environmental security, and national defense, and protection of American citizens and interests in the maritime regions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Coast Guard and its Reserve component be adequately sized, equipped and funded by Congress to effectively meet their national security role.

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