

House Resolution 1516

By: Representatives Hill of the 180th, Smith of the 129th, Lindsey of the 54th, Keen of the 179th, and Smith of the 168th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Coast Guard Maritime Safety and Security Team 91108 in St. Marys,
2 Georgia, and urging the President of the United States, the United States Congress, and the
3 United States Coast Guard not to decommission the unit as currently proposed; and for other
4 purposes.

5 WHEREAS, the Coast Guard Maritime Safety and Security Team 91108 consists of 85
6 members and, along with others, was formed in response to the September 11, 2001, terrorist
7 attacks on the United States of America; and

8 WHEREAS, with three teams of demolition experts, marksmen, and canine teams, this
9 quick-response unit is trained for a broad range of port security and harbor defense missions,
10 to protect the United States and allied forces, to detect weapons of mass destruction and
11 explosives, and to perform maritime law enforcement, interdiction, and support; and

12 WHEREAS, the unit has six vessels capable of being deployed anywhere in the country
13 within 12 hours to protect the citizens of Georgia and the United States of America; and

14 WHEREAS, the unit was given the Coast Guard Unit Commendation Award for providing
15 security at the 2004 G-8 Summit at Sea Island, the Republican National Convention of 2004,
16 and the 2005 presidential inauguration in Washington, D.C.; and

17 WHEREAS, the St. Marys unit provides an estimated impact of almost \$9 million to the
18 local economies of St. Marys and the Camden County community; and

19 WHEREAS, the St. Marys unit was established in an ideal location to protect major ports
20 along the Eastern Seaboard, including Savannah and Brunswick in Georgia, Jacksonville and
21 Miami in Florida, and Charleston in South Carolina; and

22 WHEREAS, the United States Coast Guard is recommending the decommission of five of
23 the 12 Maritime Safety and Security Teams, including Coast Guard Maritime Safety and
24 Security Team 91108 located in St. Marys, Georgia; and

25 WHEREAS, the United States Coast Guard's 2011 budget request is \$10.08 billion, already
26 down 3.3 percent from fiscal year 2010, and the cutbacks proposed would decommission
27 some of the Coast Guard's older cutters and eliminate 1,112 active-duty positions.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body commend each and every member of the Coast Guard Maritime
30 Safety and Security Team 91108 and urge the President of the United States, members of
31 Congress, and the United States Coast Guard to retain the needed services of the Coast Guard
32 Maritime Safety and Security Team 91108 for protection and service to the Eastern Seaboard
33 of the United States of America.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the President of the United
36 States, the United States Coast Guard, each member of Team 91108, and each member of the
37 Georgia congressional delegation.