

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The United States Navy christened and launched its
2 newest trimaran-variant Littoral Combat Ship, the USS *Kingsville*,
3 in Mobile, Alabama, on April 22, 2023; and

4 WHEREAS, The ship was named in honor of both the city of
5 Kingsville and Naval Air Station Kingsville, highlighting the
6 cooperative efforts of the two communities in behalf of the nation;
7 its sponsor, Katherine Kline, performed the traditional breaking of
8 a bottle of sparkling wine across the bow at the Austal USA
9 shipyard; she represents the sixth generation of the King Ranch
10 family, descended from steamboat Captain Richard King, who founded
11 the ranch in Kingsville in 1853; nearly nine decades later, the
12 Naval Air Station Kingsville was established, and it has enjoyed a
13 special relationship with the ranch ever since; Ms. Kline's father,
14 Lieutenant Commander Richard Sugden, was a Navy flight surgeon; and

15 WHEREAS, Armed with guns, missiles, and helicopters, the ship
16 is 418 feet long and can reach speeds of over 50 miles per hour; the
17 18th trimaran-variant Littoral Combat Ship, it belongs to a class
18 of fast, optimally manned, mission-tailored surface combatants;
19 they operate in near-shore and open-ocean environments to address
20 21st-century coastal threats, and they integrate with joint,
21 combined, manned, and unmanned teams to support forward presence,
22 maritime security, sea control, and deterrence missions all over
23 the world; like the other littoral ships of the trimaran variant, it
24 will be stationed at Naval Base San Diego; and

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1 WHEREAS, The naming of this combat ship in honor of the city
2 of Kingsville and Naval Air Station Kingsville is a reflection of
3 the role these communities have played in our nation's security,
4 and it is a source of great pride to area residents; now, therefore,
5 be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
7 Legislature hereby commemorate the christening of the USS
8 *Kingsville*.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1491 was adopted by the House on May 19, 2023, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House