## Florida Senate - 2003

SB 2562

By Senator Crist

12-1692-03 A bill to be entitled 1 2 An act relating to official state designations; 3 creating s. 15.0465, F.S.; designating the 4 official state flagship; providing an effective 5 date. 6 7 WHEREAS, the SS American Victory, which was built in 1945 as part of the merchant fleet, played a major role in 8 9 World War II in transporting troops, ammunition, and supplies 10 for the Allied Forces, and WHEREAS, the SS American Victory continued her service 11 12 in rebuilding the postwar economy by transporting goods in support of the Marshall Plan, and 13 WHEREAS, the SS American Victory continued her service 14 by supplying the forces of the United States and those of its 15 allies during the Korean and Vietnam Wars, and 16 17 WHEREAS, the SS American Victory now serves as a museum and memorial to the merchant marines, and 18 19 WHEREAS, the SS American Victory is fully operational 20 and capable of visiting ports of call, NOW, THEREFORE, 21 22 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 23 Section 1. Section 15.0465, Florida Statutes, is 24 25 created to read: 26 15.0465 Official flagship.--The victory ship SS 27 American Victory, a victory class ship built in 1945 and 28 active in World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War, 29 which now serves as the American Victory Mariner's Memorial 30 and Museum Ship and is located in Hillsborough County, is designated as the official state flagship. 31 1

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1	Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
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5	SENATE SUMMARY
6	Designates the SS American Victory as the official state flagship.
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