

By Senator Crist

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
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.

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7           WHEREAS, the SS American Victory, which was built in  
8   1945 as part of the merchant fleet, played a major role in  
9   World War II in transporting troops, ammunition, and supplies  
10  for the Allied Forces, and

11           WHEREAS, the SS American Victory continued her service  
12  in rebuilding the postwar economy by transporting goods in  
13  support of the Marshall Plan, and

14           WHEREAS, the SS American Victory continued her service  
15  by supplying the forces of the United States and those of its  
16  allies during the Korean and Vietnam Wars, and

17           WHEREAS, the SS American Victory now serves as a museum  
18  and memorial to the merchant marines, and

19           WHEREAS, the SS American Victory is fully operational  
20  and capable of visiting ports of call, NOW, THEREFORE,

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22  Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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24           Section 1. Section 15.0465, Florida Statutes, is  
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  
31 designated as the official state flagship.

