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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to official state designations;  
creating s. 15.0465, F.S.; designating the  
official state flagship; providing an effective  
date.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Section 1. Section 15.0465, Florida Statutes, is  
created to read:

15.0465 Official state flagship.--The victory ship SS  
American Victory, a victory class ship built in 1945 and  
active in World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War,  
which now serves as the American Victory Mariner's Memorial  
and Museum Ship located in Hillsborough County, is designated  
as the official state flagship.

