

CS/HB 249

2026

A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to the designation of the official  
state flagship; amending s. 15.0465, F.S.;  
redesignating the official state flagship as the S.S.  
American Victory; providing an effective date.

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

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

15.0465 Official state flagship.—The S.S. American Victory, a 455-foot historic steamship, built in 1944 schooner Western Union, a 130-foot historic sailing vessel of the tall ship class, built in Key West and first launched in 1939, is designated the official state flagship.

**Section 2.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.