

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 109

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SYNOPSIS

Commemorates 70th anniversary of sailing of *SS Ideal X*.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 **A SENATE RESOLUTION** commemorating the 70th anniversary of
2 the sailing of the *SS Ideal X*.

4 **WHEREAS**, Malcom McLean and Keith Tantlinger developed the
5 modern intermodal shipping container for the purpose of storing
6 goods transported by sea and efficiently transporting goods from a
7 ship to a train or truck; and

8 **WHEREAS**, McLean fitted a former World War II tanker with
9 equipment to carry shipping containers on deck and rechristened the
10 ship the *SS Ideal X*; and

11 **WHEREAS**, On April 26, 1956, the *SS Ideal X* set sail on her first
12 voyage from Port Newark, New Jersey to the Port of Houston,
13 Texas, carrying 58 shipping containers; and

14 **WHEREAS**, The *SS Ideal X* was the first commercially successful
15 container ship, marking the beginning of the containerization era;
16 and

17 **WHEREAS,** The rise of containerization revolutionized the
18 transportation of goods at the Port of New York and New Jersey
19 and around the globe and gave rise to the proliferation of container
20 ships like the *SS Ideal X*; and

21 **WHEREAS**, According to the United Nations Conference on Trade and
22 Development, seaborne trade makes up over 80 percent of goods
23 traded worldwide by volume; and

24 **WHEREAS**, The Port of New York and New Jersey is the busiest
25 container cargo gateway on the East Coast; and

26 **WHEREAS**, April 26, 2026 marks the 70th anniversary of the first
27 sailing of the *SS Ideal X*; now, therefore,

29 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate of the State of New Jersey:*

1. This House commemorates the 70th anniversary of the sailing of the *SS Ideal X*.

2. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State,
shall be transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the Governor.

STATEMENT

This resolution commemorates the 70th anniversary of the sailing of the *SS Ideal X*. The *SS Ideal X* was the first commercially successful container ship, which set sail out of Port Newark on April 26, 1956. In the decades since, the transportation of goods via container ships has become a significant component of international trade, with seaborne trade making up over 80 percent of goods traded worldwide by volume. New Jersey has continued to play a key role in the industry, with the Port of New York and

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- 2 Coast.