

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 97-4604, by Representatives Zellinsky,  
K. Schmidt, Sheldon, Huff, Johnson and Lantz

1           WHEREAS, The Battleship U.S.S. Missouri (BB 63) is the solitary  
2           identifiable symbol of the end of World War II for both the  
3           servicemen and women who served overseas during that period and the  
4           millions of home front defense workers; and

5           WHEREAS, This intrinsic historical vessel is presently moored on  
6           the mainland of the contiguous states of the union where the majority  
7           of veterans and home front defense workers and their descendants  
8           reside and are economically able to visit and observe the  
9           significance of the U.S.S. Missouri's involvement in ending the most  
10          important event of the 20th century; and

11          WHEREAS, The youth of the United States of America, the future  
12          leaders of this republic, will learn from and appreciate the  
13          sacrifices for freedom which the U.S.S. Missouri represents; and

14          WHEREAS, The Missouri on the Mainland Committee (MOM) has been  
15          duly organized and proposes that the Battleship U.S.S. Missouri (BB  
16          63) be moored at a suitable location on the mainland to provide  
17          accessibility for the majority of the American public to savor a  
18          taste of freedom and their heritage;

19          NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of  
20          Representatives support the action and proposal of the Missouri on  
21          the Mainland Committee (MOM), and respectfully request that the joint  
22          houses of Congress of the United States of America enact appropriate  
23          legislation to retain the Battleship U.S.S. Missouri (BB 63) at a  
24          selected site on the mainland; and

25          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
26          immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of  
27          Representatives to the Honorable William J. Clinton, President of the  
28          United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker  
29          of the House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the  
30          State of Washington.