

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

July 25, 2014

President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Obama,

Before the Statue of Liberty hoisted her lamp beside America's golden door, our nation's lighthouses extended America's promise, potential, and ideals far beyond our shores.

In recognition of the unique role that lighthouses have played in our nation's history, we respectfully request that you issue a Presidential Proclamation declaring August 7 as "National Lighthouse Day."

Some of us represent states with historic lighthouses, and others do not. We all, however, recognize the important role that lighthouses have played since America's earliest days. On August 7, 1789, President George Washington signed the Lighthouses Act, encouraging the trade and commerce of our new nation by allowing the federal government to assume authority for construction and operation of these critical navigation aids. Lighthouses were critical in guiding the new nation's travelers along the rocky shores of New England to the country's Southern Coast.

The Lighthouses Act was the ninth Act of the First Congress, shortly following the passage of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. This monumental legislation signified our nation's commitment to the safety of its citizens and those engaged in maritime commerce. Since August 7, 1789 more than 1,000 navigational aids have been constructed across the United States.

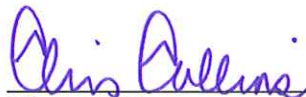
From West Quoddy Lighthouse in Maine and Buffalo Main Light in New York to Marblehead Lighthouse in Ohio, St. Helena Lighthouse in Michigan, and Hecta Head Lighthouse in Oregon, America's lighthouses remain a critical part of our nation's heritage and coastlines.

Lighthouses symbolize a vibrant and glowing nation with a promise bright enough to draw travelers back to her shores. We strongly encourage you to help honor America's beacons and the 225th Anniversary of the monumental Lighthouses Act by declaring August 7 as "National Lighthouse Day."

Sincerely,



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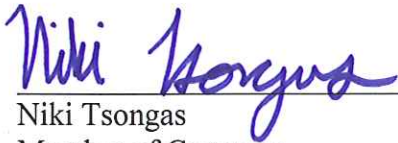
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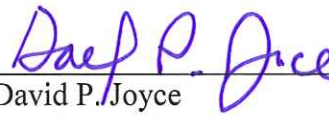
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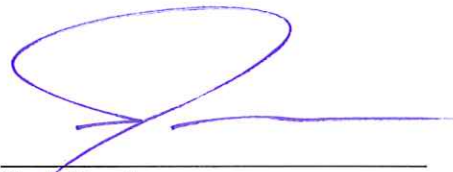
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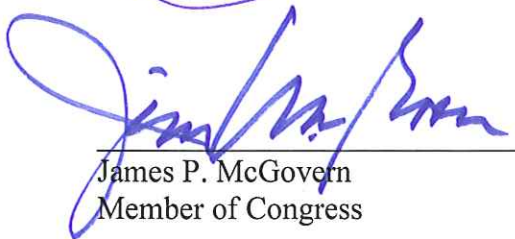
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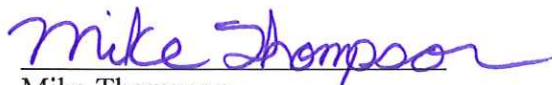
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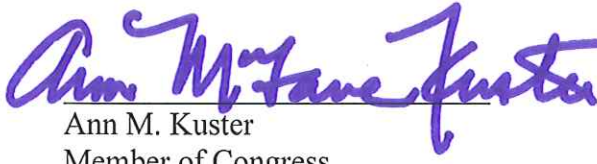
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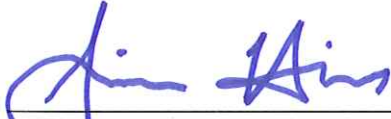
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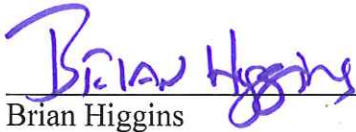
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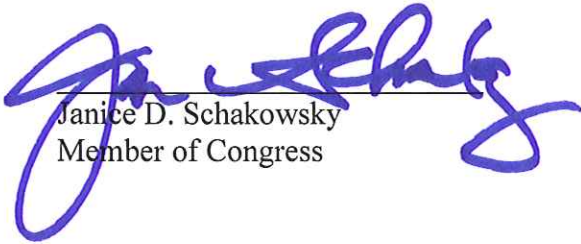
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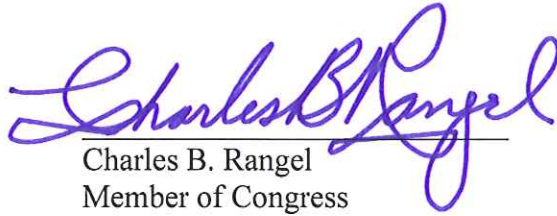
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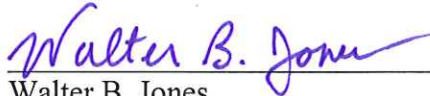
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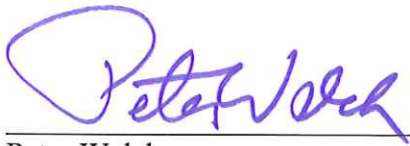
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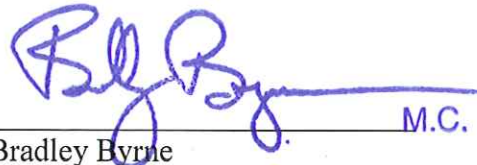
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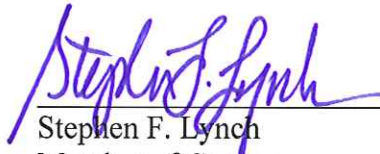
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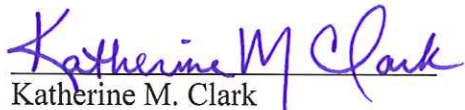
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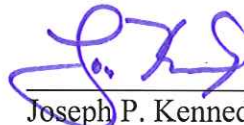
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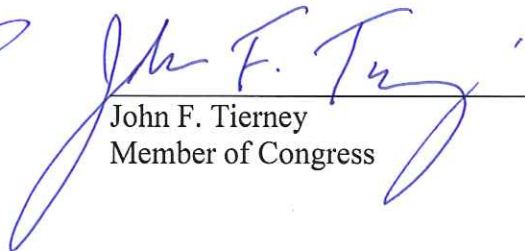
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