

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 108

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED DECEMBER 11, 1997

By Senator CIESLA

1 **A SENATE RESOLUTION** expressing support of House Concurrent Resolution
2 No. 131, and its goal to name 1998 the "Year of the Ocean."
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4 **WHEREAS**, Congressman H. James Saxton has introduced House Concurrent
5 Resolution No. 131 to name 1998 the "Year of the Ocean;" and
6 **WHEREAS**, This resolution declares that the ocean comprises nearly three
7 quarters of the surface of the Earth, and contains diverse species of fish and
8 other living organisms that form the planet's largest ecosystem; and
9 **WHEREAS**, This resolution further declares that these living marine resources
10 provide important food resources to the United States and the world, and
11 that irresponsible use of these resources has unacceptable economic,
12 environmental, and cultural consequences; and
13 **WHEREAS**, This resolution further declares that the ocean and sea floor contain
14 vast energy and mineral resources which are critical to the economy of the
15 United States and the world, and that the ocean largely controls global
16 weather and climate, and is the ultimate source of all water resources; and
17 **WHEREAS**, This resolution further declares that the ocean is a common means
18 of transportation between coastal nations and carries the majority of the
19 United States foreign trade, and that any nation's use or misuse of ocean
20 resources has effects far beyond that nation's borders; and
21 **WHEREAS**, The United Nations has declared 1998 to be the International
22 Year of the Ocean, and in order to observe the celebration, the National
23 Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and other federal agencies, in
24 cooperation with organizations concerned with ocean science and marine
25 resources, have resolved to promote exploration, utilization, conservation,
26 and public awareness of the ocean; and
27 **WHEREAS**, This House is in full agreement with the declarations and goals of
28 Congressman Saxton's concurrent resolution before the United States
29 House of Representatives; now, therefore,

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

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3 1. This House expresses its support of House Concurrent Resolution No.
4 131, and its goal to name 1998 the "Year of the Ocean."

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6 2. Duly authenticated copies of this resolution, signed by the President of
7 the Senate and attested by the Secretary thereof, shall be transmitted to the
8 Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States Senate, the Speaker and
9 Minority Leader of the United States House of Representatives, and to each
10 member of Congress elected thereto from this State.

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STATEMENT

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15 This resolution expresses support for House Concurrent Resolution No.
16 131, which would name 1998 the "Year of the Ocean."

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21 Expresses support for federal HCR 131, which would name 1998 the "Year
22 of the Ocean."