

SENATE No. 479

[Offered by Senator O'Neil.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Two.

RESOLUTIONS COMMENDING THE HEROIC ACTION OF CAPTAIN KURT CARLSEN.

Whereas, The story of man against the sea has from earliest time evoked the highest emotions in the hearts of men; and

Whereas, The stirring drama enacted by one man in his solitary struggle against the elements has captivated and held the attention of the entire world; and

Whereas, The action of Captain Kurt Carlsen, master of the "Flying Enterprise", in remaining for days in a stricken, wallowing, seam-busted vessel after ordering all hands and passengers to safety, and in his determined refusal to abandon his ship exhibited a devotion to duty, an inspiring loyalty, a deep sense of pride of position, a recognition of the responsibility of his position as master, and a courage that is an inspiration and a challenge to all men; and

Whereas, The stirring drama enacted in the North Atlantic in which Captain Kurt Carlsen so gallantly acquitted himself, was in full accord with the highest tradition of seafaring men; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Massachusetts Senate extend to Captain Kurt Carlsen, in behalf of a commonwealth built upon the resolution, courage and character of seafaring men who went down to the sea in ships, its greetings

and highest commendation for his gallant efforts to bring in his ship; and be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be placed on the record, and a copy thereof be forwarded by the Clerk of the Senate to Captain Kurt Carlsen of Woodbridge, New Jersey.

SENATE, January 14, 1952.

Adopted.

IRVING N. HAYDEN,
Clerk.