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Admiral Robert J. Papp, Jr.
Commandant
United States Coast Guard
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Admiral Papp:

This is to reiterate my support for the City of Clearwater, Florida's application to be designated as a "Coast Guard City" by the United States Coast Guard.

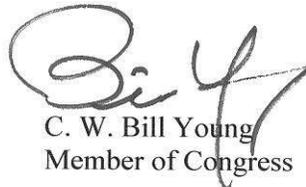
As the members of your committee meet Thursday to consider "Coast Guard City" applications, I know they will find no more deserving city than Clearwater. As you and I have discussed, and as you know from your many visits to Clearwater, our local residents are proud to be the home to three major Coast Guard facilities: Air Station Clearwater, our nation's busiest Coast Guard air station; Search and Rescue Station Sand Key; and Port Security Unit 307.

The city has adopted each of these units and the men and women who serve there and hosts numerous events throughout the year to show their support and appreciation. These include an annual Coast Guard birthday party, a softball challenge, and numerous award recognition ceremonies. In addition, the city's businesses and Chamber of Commerce reach out on a regular basis to include Coast Guard personnel in a variety of local activities.

There is probably no city in America where the Coast Guard is more integrated into a community than in Clearwater, Florida and it is my hope that the members of your committee will give this application every possible consideration.

As always, we look forward to your visits to Pinellas County and I hope that we can schedule one of your future visits to name Clearwater a "Coast Guard City." With best wishes and personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,


C. W. Bill Young
Member of Congress

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