



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPRESENTATIVE AMY G. RICE *District 72*

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Frank Lennon, President
USS Saratoga Museum Foundation
P.O. Box 28581
Providence, RI 02908

Dear Mr. Lennon:

As a state representative and Aquidneck Island resident, I offer you my full support in your quest to bring the USS John F. Kennedy to our island. Further, I have drafted legislation in the form of a resolution seeking support of the entire Rhode Island House of Representatives.

I believe the USS John F. Kennedy would be an outstanding addition to our richly-historic community and further enhance tourism to Aquidneck Island. Based on the Navy's long-standing relationship with Newport County and given President Kennedy's close affiliation with the state of Rhode Island, his training at Melville, his marriage at St. Mary's, and his summer home at Hammersmith Farm, there is no better venue to spotlight the USS Kennedy. Furthermore, Patrick Kennedy, son of the late "Ted Kennedy," lives on Aquidneck Island and has been a Rhode Island Congressman for many terms.

It is with great pleasure that I extend my support to you on such a worthwhile project which will pay tribute to the Navy as well as the Kennedy family while supporting the state of Rhode Island with job opportunities and increased revenues.

Best of luck in your pursuit of the USS John F. Kennedy and I look forward to welcoming the carrier to her new home in Narragansett Bay.

Sincerely,

Amy G. Rice, Esq.
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Newport, Middletown, Portsmouth