



SNAME Presents ABS with a Proclamation Recognizing their 150 Years of Service to the Maritime Industry

The SNAME Offshore Technology Conference (OTC) Reception on Monday, April 30th, at the Hotel ZaZa's Grapevine Room in Houston, Texas, provided an excellent opportunity for the Society to recognize the professional contributions made by members actively engaged in the offshore industry. SNAME was privileged to have many of the leaders in the industry joining in this celebration, which proved to be the ideal setting to honor the 150th anniversary of the American Bureau of Shipping (ABS). Houston is the location of ABS' world headquarters and the center of worldwide offshore activities, in which ABS is the leading classification society.



Mr. Robert D. Somerville, Chairman of ABS and Mr. Christopher J. Wiernicki Chief Executive Officer and President of ABS were in attendance to receive this special proclamation from SNAME, presented by Mr. Edward N. Comstock, President, and Mr. Erik W. Seither, Executive Director.



In presenting the proclamation, President Comstock highlighted the many contributions made by ABS in advancing maritime safety and serving the public interest by promoting the security of life, property and the natural environment through a worldwide leadership position in marine and offshore classification. President Comstock also highlighted the innovative professional and technical leadership provided by ABS employees, and their deep commitment to disseminating knowledge in conjunction with a longstanding ABS commitment to education. In accepting the SNAME proclamation on behalf of ABS, Bob Somerville expressed his appreciation to ABS employees, those men and women of ABS who have been responsible for its 150 years of success. Chairman Somerville commented that he was most pleased to be receiving the proclamation in Houston and on the occasion of his birthday, a dual event which made a very special evening for all present. President Comstock concluded saying that "We are most honored to have you with us to receive this proclamation celebrating the ABS Sesquicentennial and to recognize the accomplishments of our Society's offshore industry professionals."

The text of the SNAME proclamation follows:



The Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers - SNAME A Proclamation On The 150th Anniversary of the American Bureau of Shipping - ABS

WHEREAS, in 1862 the American Bureau of Shipping was founded to promote maritime safety; and

WHEREAS, the role of ABS to serve the public interest by promoting the security of life, property and the natural environment remains paramount today; and

WHEREAS, ABS has established a worldwide leadership position in marine and offshore classification with the associated development and verification of standards for the design, construction and operational maintenance of marine-related facilities; and

WHEREAS, ABS provides innovative professional leadership within the maritime industry as exemplified by the ABS leaders honored with the SNAME Vice Admiral "Jerry" Land Medal; and

WHEREAS, ABS is a global technology leader providing research and development across the maritime field as exemplified by the ABS leaders honored with the SNAME David W. Taylor Medal; and

WHEREAS, ABS practices a deep commitment to disseminating knowledge through professional activities, technical publications and other means as exemplified by the many ABS surveyors and engineers who are dedicated and active members of SNAME; and

WHEREAS, ABS has demonstrated a longstanding commitment to education by support of colleges and universities worldwide, student graduate studies, and mentorship programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, on this thirtieth day of April 2012, The Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers, being privileged to have worked with ABS for nearly 120 years, does celebrate the 150th Anniversary of ABS; and hereby calls this observance to the attention of all Society members, the maritime profession and the worldwide industry that we serve.

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