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N THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES May 18, 1989 Ms. SCHNEIDER (for herself, Mr. MACHTLEY, Mr. MORRISON of Connecticut, and Mr. ROWLAND of Connecticut) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries

A BILL To authorize the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating to convey the Block Island Southeast Lighthouse to the Block Island Southeast Lighthouse Foundation. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, SHORT TITLE SECTION 1. This Act may be cited as the `Southeast Lighthouse Preservation Act of 1989'. PURPOSE SEC. 2. The purpose of this Act is to enable the Block Island Southeast Lighthouse Foundation to establish and maintain a nonprofit center for public benefit at the property commonly referred to as the Block Island Southeast Lighthouse in the town of New Shoreham, Rhode Island, for the interpretation and preservation of the material culture of the United States Coast Guard and Block Island's maritime history. TRANSFER OF LIGHTHOUSE SEC. 3. The Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating is authorized to convey, by any appropriate means of conveyance, to the Block Island Southeast Lighthouse Foundation (hereinafter referred to as the `Foundation') of the town of New Shoreham, State of Rhode Island, all right, title, and interest of the United States, in and to certain property comprising the Block Island Southeast Lighthouse in the town of New Shoreham. TERMS AND CONDITIONS SEC. 4. (a) The conveyance pursuant to section 3 shall be made without the payment of consideration and shall be made subject to such terms and conditions as the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating

shall impose. (b) In addition to any term or condition imposed pursuant to subsection (a), any such conveyance pursuant to this Act shall be made subject to the condition that if the property, or any part thereof, ceases to be used for the purpose of this Act, title to all such property so conveyed shall be deemed to have immediately reverted to the United States. (c) Such conveyance shall include provisions necessary to assure that-- (1) the light, antennas, sound signal and associated equipment located on the property conveyed, which are active aids to navigation, shall continue to be operated and maintained by the United States; (2) the Foundation will not interfere or allow interference in any manner with such aids to navigation without express written permission from the United States; (3) there is reserved to the United States the right to relocate, replace, or add any aids to navigation or make any changes on any portion of such property conveyed as may be necessary for navigation purposes; (4) the United States shall have the right, at any time, to enter such property without notice for the purpose of maintaining navigation aids; and (5) the United States shall have an easement of access to such property for the purpose of maintaining the navigational aids in use on the property conveyed pursuant to this Act. (d) In no case, however, shall the Foundation have any obligation to maintain any active aid to navigation equipment on such property. DEFINITION SEC. 5. For purposes of this Act, the term `Block Island Southeast Lighthouse' means the lighthouse and attached keeper's dwelling, several ancillary buildings, a fog signal, together with such land as may be necessary for the purpose of this Act. DESCRIPTION SEC. 6. The Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating, in his discretion, is authorized to identify, describe, and determine the property and the amount thereof to be conveyed pursuant to this Act. GRANT SEC. 7. (a) Subject to subsection (b), the Secretary of Transportation is authorized to make a grant of $2,000,000 to the Block Island Southeast Lighthouse Foundation to enable it to carry out the provisions of section 2. Such grant shall be made at such time and subject to such terms and conditions as the Secretary may prescribe. (b) No grant shall be made pursuant to subsection (a) unless the Secretary of Transportation has first determined that such Foundation has available to it, from a non-Federal source, not less than

$2,000,000 for use in carrying out the purposes of section 2.
AUTHORIZATION SEC. 8. There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Transportation the sum of $2,000,000 for use in making grants in accordance with this Act.