

Castle Tours Overfalls Maritime Museum, presents \$275,000 for Preservation of "Floating Lightship" -

Lewes, DE -- Delaware Congressman Mike Castle toured Overfalls Maritime Museum today and presented a \$275,000 check to the Museum Foundation's President, David Bernheisel. The funding is awarded through the federal "Save America's Treasures" grant program and is intended to support the maintenance and repair of the vessel, which is one of only seventeen remaining ships of its "floating lighthouses." The ship used to help navigation in treacherous waters where lighthouses could not be built. Repair efforts have been underway since 1999.

"It is very important to preserve our history here in Delaware and the Overalls Lightship is a perfect example of this. The grant is appropriately named "Save America's Treasures" because that is truly what the Lightship is. Being one of the few remaining "floating lighthouses" in the country, Overfalls is a Delaware and national treasure," Castle said.

Grant recipients are selected by a partnership between the National Park Service and various federal cultural agencies. To be successful, applicant projects must be of national significance, demonstrate an urgent preservation need, make the case as to how they will address the threat and demonstrate the likely availability of non-federal matching grants.