

## **H.R. 1223, the ANCHOR Act**

“Sharing information and collaborating on ideas are fundamental parts of scientific excellence at the University of California, although doing so from research vessels at sea is remarkably challenging,” **said Theresa Maldonado, Vice President for Research and Innovation at the University of California.** “The ANCHOR Act would enable these vessels to effectively communicate with land using satellites, digital networks, software and cyberinfrastructure. By linking researchers and students aboard ships to their teams back on land, research vessels will not only be more effective and efficient, but more inclusive, allowing those who might not have the opportunity to participate in an expedition to do so virtually. I want to thank House Science Committee leadership, Representatives Vince Fong and Haley Stevens for their leadership, the ANCHOR Act is a critical step forward for our nation’s research enterprise.”