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Dear Mr. Henderson,

Thank you so much for sending me a copy of your book Teacher at Sea.

*This is a truly remarkable work of literature. NOAA should be very proud of such a wonderful achievement. This book is not only informative, but also easy to follow for young people; and the illustrations are delightful! As I visit schools in the district, I will be more than happy to read the book aloud to the children.*

*I know that many will benefit from Ms. Armwood's experiences as well as the message in the book promoting safe maritime navigation. Your work in the areas of weather and environmental research is vital to our community and throughout our Nation. I applaud NOAA for your efforts in maintaining environmental and marine safety.*

*I was impressed by Ms. Stanitski's easy to understand wording of difficult nautical terms and concepts and the amusing illustrations by Mr. Cowden. Thank you again for your thoughtfulness. I will make every effort to pass this book along.*

Sincerely yours,

Gus M. Bilirakis  
Member of Congress