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For the relief of Alexander Vraciu.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. JACOBS introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

JOINT RESOLUTION

For the relief of Alexander Vraciu.

Whereas the World War II commanding officer of then Lieutenant (jg.) Alexander Vraciu and all of the 7 firing line commanders who were there and knew what happened, recommended Lieutenant (jg.) Alexander Vraciu for the Congressional Medal of Honor;

Whereas Admiral G.D. Murray, at Pearl Harbor Headquarters, improperly processed the recommendation and wrongfully deleted part of the 4 mission citation indicating with tortuous, if not contorted logic, to wit: “His superior performance of normal duties brought distinction upon himself. His failure, if it had occurred, to engage the enemy, on 19 June 1944, would have brought censure upon himself”;

Whereas at that time Lieutenant (jg.) Alexander Vraciu was the leading Navy flying ace, having shot down 19 enemy aircraft and destroyed 21 planes on the ground;

Whereas in one engagement alone, Lieutenant (jg.) Alexander Vraciu, dismissing thoughts of self, plunged into the fray and destroyed 6 attacking enemy bomber aircraft in 8 minutes' time, quite clearly performing far above and beyond the call of duty;

Whereas Lieutenant (jg.) Alexander Vraciu alone sank a large and significant enemy cargo vessel and shot down 2 additional enemy planes and materially assisted our bombers in sinking an enemy carrier—all in a matter of a few days;

Whereas Lieutenant (jg.) Alexander Vraciu was shot down 2 different times in the thick of battle and welter of anti-aircraft enemy fire, selflessly and repeatedly venturing his entire moral being for the life of his country: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
 2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
 3 **SECTION 1. AWARD OF MEDAL OF HONOR TO ALEXANDER**
 4 **VRACIU.**

5 Notwithstanding the time limitations of section 6248
 6 of title 10, United States Code (relating to the award of
 7 the Medal of Honor), the President shall award a Medal
 8 of Honor to Alexander Vraciu of Danville, California, in
 9 accordance with the decision of Vraciu's commanding offi-
 10 cer at sea and pursuant to section 6241 of that title, for
 11 his superlatively heroic service to our Nation.

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