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Expressing the sense of the Congress commemorating the heroism and lifetime achievements of the late General James H. “Jimmy” Doolittle, who died on September 27, 1993.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. MCCAIN submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Congress commemorating the heroism and lifetime achievements of the late General James H. “Jimmy” Doolittle, who died on September 27, 1993.

Whereas Jimmy Doolittle made pioneering contributions to the field of aviation, setting early records for speed and distance and developing ground-breaking methods for flying aircraft by instruments;

Whereas Jimmy Doolittle advanced the Nation’s ability to defend itself using airpower through his experimental flights designed to simulate air combat maneuvers and his work with the Shell Oil Company in developing the higher octane fuel that eventually extended the range of

allied bombers and improve the performance of allied fighters;

Whereas Jimmy Doolittle helped found and organize the civilian Air Force Association to champion the cause of establishing a coequal and autonomous Air Force, a goal that was realized on September 18, 1947;

Whereas Jimmy Doolittle distinguished himself in academia and industry, becoming one of the first Ph.D.s in aeronautics and serving on numerous boards, advisory committees, and serving as president of the Institute of Aeronautics, as a special assistant to the Air Force Chief of Staff and as Chairman of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, the forerunner of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration;

Whereas Jimmy Doolittle made personal and heroic contributions to the allied victory in World War II, by helping with the conversion of automobile plants to airplane parts manufacturing plants; by leading a squadron of B-25 bombers, which launched from the deck of the aircraft carrier Hornet, on a daring April 18, 1942, raid of the Japanese mainland, the success of which boosted allied morale and shattered Japan's sense of invulnerability at a critical time in the war; and by commanding the 12th Air Force, the North African Strategic Air Forces, the 15th Air Force, and the 8th Air Force; and

Whereas Jimmy Doolittle has been duly honored by this Nation with numerous awards, including its highest award, the Medal of Honor, for personal valor and intrepidity at an extreme hazard to life during the 1942 raid on Japan, other decorations for wartime contributions, including the Distinguished Service Medal, the Silver Star, and Air Medal, among others, as well as being recognized with a

1985 promotion to four star general by President Ronald Reagan, and the bestowal of the Medal of Freedom by President Bush in 1989: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*
2 *concurring)*, That the Congress expresses the thanks of
3 a grateful Nation in memory of General James H.
4 “Jimmy” Doolittle, hero, aviation pioneer, scientist, and
5 patriot, for his lifetime of service and his willingness to
6 make the ultimate sacrifice for duty, honor, and country.

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