

106TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. CON. RES. 408

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing appreciation for the United States service members who were aboard the British transport HMT ROHNA when it sank, the families of these service members, and the rescuers of the HMT ROHNA's passengers and crew.



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Whereas on November 26, 1943, a German bomber off the coast of North Africa sunk the British transport HMT ROHNA with a radio-controlled, rocket-boosted bomb;

Whereas 1,015 United States service members and more than 100 British and Allied officers and crewmen perished as a result of the attack;

Whereas hundreds died immediately when the bomb struck and hundreds more died when darkness and rough seas limited rescue efforts;

Whereas many families still do not know the circumstances of the deaths of loved ones who died as a result of the attack;

Whereas more than 900 United States service members survived the attack under extremely adverse circumstances;

Whereas United States, British, and French rescuers worked valiantly to save the passengers and crew who made it off the HMT ROHNA into the sea;

Whereas one United States ship, the USS PIONEER, picked up many of those who were saved;

Whereas because of inadequate record keeping, some survivors of the attack struggled for years to verify the details of the sinking of the HMT ROHNA;

Whereas the men who died as a result of the attack on the HMT ROHNA have been largely forgotten by the Nation; and

Whereas the Congress and the people of the United States have never recognized the bravery and sacrifice of the United States service members who died as a result of the sinking of the HMT ROHNA or the United States service members who survived the sinking and continued to serve the Nation valiantly abroad during the war: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*  
 2 *concurring)*, That the Congress expresses appreciation  
 3 for—

1           (1) the United States service members who died  
2           in the sinking of the HMT ROHNA, for the heroic  
3           sacrifice they made for freedom and the defense of  
4           the Nation;

5           (2) the United States service members who sur-  
6           vived the sinking of the HMT ROHNA, for their  
7           bravery in the face of disaster and their subsequent  
8           service during the war on behalf of the Nation;

9           (3) the families of all of these service members;  
10          and

11          (4) the United States, British, and French res-  
12          cuers, especially the crew of the USS PIONEER,  
13          who endangered their lives to save the passengers  
14          and crew of the HMT ROHNA.

Passed the House of Representatives October 10,  
2000.

Attest:

*Clerk.*