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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.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 25, 2000

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

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.

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 sur-
vived 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 sur-
vivors of the attack struggled for years to verify the de-
tails 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 Na-
tion; 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.

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