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# S. CON. RES. 119

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 6, 2002

Mr. BURNS (for himself and Mr. INOUYE) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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Whereas Congress remembers with profound sorrow, gratitude, and respect the United States Marines who were killed in action during World War II while participating in a combat raid on Japanese forces on Makin Atoll in

the Gilbert Islands in August, 1942, and whose remains were recovered from Makin Atoll in 1999; and

Whereas Congress hopes and prays for the recovery of the remains of 9 additional United States Marines engaged in that raid who, after surrendering in accordance with the law of armed conflict, were beheaded by their captors on Kwajalein Atoll; Now therefore be it

1       *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*  
2 *concurring), That it is the sense of Congress that—*

3               (1) the United States Marines killed in action  
4       or beheaded in captivity on Makin and Kwajalein  
5       Atolls during World War II gave hope to the world  
6       by offering up their lives; and

7               (2) a place of honor in Arlington National Cemetery near the Space Shuttle Challenger Memorial at the corner of Memorial and Farragut Drives should be provided for a suitable monument to the Marine Raiders, both as a reminder of United States resolve during the dark, early days of World War II, and as a reminder that the heroism and dedication of those Marines represents the sacrifice all members of the United States Armed Forces stand ready to make when the security of the United States is threatened.

