

108TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. CON. RES. 153

Honoring the 129 sailors and civilians lost aboard the U.S.S. Thresher on April 10, 1963, and urging the Secretary of the Army to erect a memorial to this tragedy in Arlington National Cemetery.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 12, 2003

Mr. BRADLEY of New Hampshire submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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Whereas the U.S.S. Thresher was first launched at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard on July 9, 1960;

Whereas, with a crew of 16 officers, 96 sailors, and 17 civilians, the U.S.S. Thresher departed Portsmouth Naval Shipyard for her final voyage on April 9, 1963;

Whereas the military and civilian mix of the U.S.S. Thresher crew reflects the unity of the naval submarine service in the protection of the United States;

Whereas at approximately 7:47 a.m. on April 10, 1963, while in communication with the surface ship U.S.S. Skylark, and approximately 300 miles off the coast of New England, the U.S.S. Thresher began her final descent;

Whereas, on April 10, 1963, the U.S.S. Thresher was declared lost with all hands; and

Whereas the crew of the U.S.S. Thresher demonstrated the "last full measure of devotion" in service to the United States, and this devotion characterizes the sacrifices of all submariners, past and present: Now, therefore, be it

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

3 (1) remembers with profound sorrow the loss on
4 April 10, 1963, of the U.S.S. Thresher and her gallant crew of sailors and civilians; and

6 (2) urges the Secretary of the Army to erect a
7 memorial in Arlington National Cemetery, to be paid
8 for with private funds, honoring the crew of the
9 U.S.S. Thresher and all United States submariners
10 who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

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