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# H. R. 1741

To redesignate the position of the Secretary of the Navy as the Secretary of the Navy and Marine Corps.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 10, 2003

Mr. JONES of North Carolina (for himself, Mr. MURTHA, Mr. HOUGHTON, Mr. GILCHREST, Mr. KLINE, Mr. JANKLOW, Mr. GUTKNECHT, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. SKELTON, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. RAMSTAD, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mrs. MILLER of Michigan, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. HEFLEY, Mr. HAYES, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. HOSTETTLER, Mr. AKIN, Mrs. WILSON of New Mexico, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. WHITFIELD, Mr. COBLE, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. MCINTYRE, Mr. FEENEY, Mr. GINGREY, Mr. GOODE, Mr. GIBBONS, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mr. HOEFFEL, Mr. ISRAEL, Mr. ORTIZ, Mrs. TAUSCHER, and Mr. REYES) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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## A BILL

To redesignate the position of the Secretary of the Navy as the Secretary of the Navy and Marine Corps.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds the following:

1           (1) Since their creation by the Continental Con-  
2           gress, the Navy and Marine Corps have served,  
3           fought, and sacrificed together to define and defend  
4           America's interests around the world.

5           (2) That while the Navy and Marine Corps  
6           have served the nation as distinct military services  
7           with many outstanding achievements between them,  
8           they are bound together as a single department by  
9           the nature of their assigned roles and missions, and  
10          the environment in which they operate.

11          (3) The Navy and Marine Corps are entering a  
12          new era of greater integration and cooperation, as  
13          evidenced by recent agreements to further integrate  
14          Navy and Marine Corps Tactical Aviation, by the  
15          appointment for the first time of a Marine to be  
16          Commandant of Midshipmen at the Naval Academy,  
17          and by the recent decision to allow a Marine to com-  
18          mand a carrier air wing in 2005.

19          (4) In addition to increased organizational inte-  
20          gration, the names of many previously distinct Navy  
21          and Marine Corps institutions and societies now  
22          bear the name of both, including the Navy/Marine  
23          Corps Relief Society, Navy/Marine Corps Field in  
24          Annapolis, and numerous joint Navy/Marine medals  
25          and ribbons.

1           (5) In the spirit of the historical, inseparable  
2           nature of the Navy and Marine Corps team, and the  
3           ever increasing integration of the two branches, it is  
4           appropriate that the military department secretary  
5           charged with advancing the interests of both have a  
6           title that reflects the names and equal status of  
7           both.

8   **SEC. 2. CHANGE IN TITLE OF SECRETARY OF THE NAVY.**

9           (a) CHANGE IN TITLE.—The position of the Sec-  
10          retary of the Navy is hereby redesignated as the Secretary  
11          of the Navy and Marine Corps.

12          (b) REFERENCES.—Any reference to the Secretary of  
13          the Navy in any law, regulation, document, record, or  
14          other paper of the United States shall be considered to  
15          be a reference to the Secretary of the Navy and Marine  
16          Corps.

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