

108TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. CON. RES. 35

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 SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 10, 2003

Mr. SUNUNU (for himself, Mr. GREGG, Ms. SNOWE, and Ms. COLLINS) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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.

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

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

Whereas the mix of that crew reflects the unity of military and civilian personnel in the naval submarine service, and in the protection of the Nation;

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

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

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

3 (1) remembers with profound sorrow the loss of
4 the U.S.S. Thresher and her gallant crew of sailors
5 and civilians on April 10, 1963; 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 to all United States subma-
10 riners who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

○