

109<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. RES. 1019

Honoring the life of Carl Brashear, the first African-American Navy Master Chief Diver.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 20, 2006

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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## RESOLUTION

Honoring the life of Carl Brashear, the first African-American Navy Master Chief Diver.

Whereas Carl Brashear was born on January 19, 1931, in Larue County, Kentucky, and was raised in Sonora, Kentucky, in a sharecropping family, and joined the Navy on February 25, 1948, shortly after it was desegregated;

Whereas in 1966, Mr. Brashear recovered a hydrogen bomb dropped off the waters of Spain and received a severe leg injury that resulted in its amputation below the knee;

Whereas Mr. Brashear continued to train despite that setback, proving himself qualified to continue his missions with the Navy;

Whereas in 1970 Mr. Brashear qualified as the first African-American Master Chief Diver in the history of the United States Navy; and

Whereas Mr. Brashear's story was portrayed in the 2000 film "Men of Honor": Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives honors  
2 the life of Carl Brashear, the first African-American Mas-  
3 ter Chief Diver in the United States Navy, and his service  
4 to the Nation.

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