

109TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. RES. 500

Recognizing the 60th anniversary of the disappearance of the 5 naval Avenger torpedo bombers of Flight 19 and the naval Mariner rescue aircraft sent to search for Flight 19.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 18, 2005

Mr. SHAW submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the 60th anniversary of the disappearance of the 5 naval Avenger torpedo bombers of Flight 19 and the naval Mariner rescue aircraft sent to search for Flight 19.

Whereas on December 5, 1945, the 5 Avenger torpedo bombers of Flight 19, originating at the Naval Air Station of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and its crew of 14 Navy airmen, disappeared;

Whereas the Mariner rescue aircraft sent to search for Flight 19, originating at the Naval Air Station of Banan River, Florida, and its crew of 13 Navy airmen, also disappeared on that date;

Whereas December 5, 2005, marks the 60th anniversary of the disappearance of Flight 19;

Whereas the loss of Flight 19 occurred during peacetime;

Whereas the disappearance of Flight 19 sparked one of the largest air and sea rescue searches in history covering over 250,000 square miles;

Whereas all investigations of the disappearance of Flight 19 have failed to recover any aircraft, debris, or remains;

Whereas there remain unanswered questions concerning the disappearance of Flight 19; and

Whereas there are continuing efforts with the latest technology to determine the location of the lost aircraft and crews: Now, therefore be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) recognizes the 60th anniversary of the dis-
3 appearance of the 5 naval Avenger torpedo bombers
4 of Flight 19 and the naval Mariner rescue aircraft
5 sent to search for Flight 19;

6 (2) honors the memory of the 27 Navy airmen
7 lost in these disappearances;

8 (3) recognizes the historical significance of
9 Flight 19;

10 (4) acknowledges continuing efforts to deter-
11 mine what caused these disappearances; and

12 (5) commends the Naval Historical Center for
13 preserving the history of Flight 19.

○