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Recognizing the 180th anniversary of the United States Naval Academy.

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Ms. ELFRETH (for herself, Mr. LALOTA, Mr. DELUZIO, Ms. SHERRILL, Mr. ELLZEY, Mr. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida, Mr. WITTMAN, Mr. VAN ORDEN, and Mr. JACKSON of Texas) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the 180th anniversary of the United States
Naval Academy.

Whereas October 10, 2025, marks the 180th anniversary of the United States Naval Academy;

Whereas Secretary of the Navy, George Bancroft, established the United States Naval Academy on the mouth of the Severn River in the historic city of Annapolis;

Whereas the United States Naval Academy instills the virtues of honor, courage, and commitment in its graduates;

Whereas the United States Naval Academy has earned a distinguished reputation for its academic prowess, regarded as one of the premier public institutions in the country;

Whereas the United States Naval Academy remains cognizant of the Nation's ever-evolving security landscape and prepares its graduates to address emerging threats;

Whereas the United States Naval Academy has educated leaders for the United States Navy and United States Marine Corps, the forces of which protect our maritime Nation at sea, on land, in the sky, and in space;

Whereas the United States Naval Academy has developed midshipmen morally, mentally, and physically to be professional officers in the United States Navy and United States Marine Corps and imbues them with the highest ideals of duty, honor, and loyalty, providing graduates who are dedicated to careers in the naval services and have potential for development in mind and character to assume the highest responsibilities of command, citizenship, and government;

Whereas the United States Naval Academy has graduated 93,140 leaders, including those who have served and led in the Civil War, the Spanish-American War, World War I, World War II, the Korean war, the Vietnam war, Desert Storm, and the Global War on Terrorism, and 2,700 who sacrificed their lives in actions against an enemy or died in the line of duty;

Whereas the United States Naval Academy has graduated 1 President, 32 United States Members of Congress, 48 United States Governors, 21 United States Ambassadors, 8 Secretaries of the Navy, 30 Chiefs of Naval Operations, 9 Commandants of the Marine Corps, and 55 astronauts;

Whereas the United States Naval Academy has graduated 73 Medal of Honor recipients, 2 Nobel Prize winners, 45

Rhodes Scholars, 16 Marshall Scholars, and 40 gold, 16 silver, and 13 bronze medal Olympic athletes;

Whereas the Academy has provided an opportunity for young Americans from all parts of our great country to receive a college education and begin a life of service to the Navy, Marine Corps, and the Nation;

Whereas the official motto of the Academy, “Ex Scientia Tridens” (From knowledge, seapower), is indicative of the purpose of the Naval Academy that exists in order to educate the people by whom that power is directly wielded; and

Whereas the unofficial motto of the Academy, “Don’t Give Up the Ship”, exemplifies the determination of this Republic and has inspired and stiffened the resolve of many midshipmen over the decades to stay the course and persevere: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) recognizes the 180th anniversary of the
3 United States Naval Academy;

4 (2) remembers and venerates the Naval Acad-
5 emy alumni who gave their lives in war and while on
6 duty to the Nation they loved;

7 (3) affirms the academy’s motto “Ex Scientia
8 Tridens” (From knowledge, seapower);

9 (4) honors the alumni who are still serving, the
10 students in residence today, and their families;

1 (5) reaffirms the support of providing the best
2 education possible to our future Navy and Marine
3 Corps leaders;

4 (6) salutes the 180th year since the founding of
5 the United States Naval Academy; and

6 (7) invites all Americans to join in the celebra-
7 tion of the United States Naval Academy and in rec-
8 ognizing its accomplishments and its contributions
9 to this great Nation.

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