

106TH CONGRESS  
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# **S. RES. 373**

Recognizing the 225th birthday of the United States Navy.

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## **IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES**

OCTOBER 12 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 22), 2000

Mr. LUGAR (for himself, Mr. McCAIN, Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, Mr. WARNER, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. ROBB, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. KERREY, Mr. MILLER, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LOTT, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. LEVIN, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

OCTOBER 18 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 22), 2000

Committee discharged; considered and agreed to

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# **RESOLUTION**

Recognizing the 225th birthday of the United States Navy.

Whereas on Friday, October 13, 1775, the Continental Congress, representing the citizens of 13 American colonies, passed a resolution which stated “That a swift sailing vessel, to carry ten carriage guns, and a proportionable number of swivels, with eighty men, be fitted, with all possible dispatch, for a cruise of three months, and that the commander be instructed to cruise eastward, for intercepting such transports as may be laden with war-like stores and other supplies for our enemies, and for such other purposes as the Congress shall direct.”;

Whereas the founders recognized the essential nature of a Navy to the strength and longevity of the Nation by providing authority to Congress “To provide and maintain a Navy” in article I of the Constitution;

Whereas a Naval Committee was established to build a fitting Navy for our fledgling country, acquire and fit out vessels for sea, and draw up regulations;

Whereas the Continental Navy began a proud tradition, carried out for 225 years by our United States Navy, to protect our island Nation and pursue the causes of freedom we hold so dear;

Whereas, for the past 225 years, the central mission of the Navy has been to protect the interests of our Nation around the world on the high seas, to fight and win the wars of our Nation, and to maintain control of the sea lines of communication enabling this Nation and other free nations to grow and prosper;

Whereas, whether in peace or at war, United States citizens around the world can rest assured that the United States Navy is on watch, ever vigilant, and ready to respond;

Whereas, for the past 225 years, Navy men and women, as both ambassadors and warriors, have won extraordinary distinction and respect for the Nation and its Navy on the high seas, among the ocean depths, on distant shores, and in the skies above;

Whereas the core values of “Honor, Courage, and Commitment” are the guides by which United States sailors live and serve;

Whereas the United States Navy today is the most capable, most respected, and most effective sea service in the world;

Whereas 75 percent of the land masses in the world are bounded by water and 75 percent of the population of the world lives within 100 miles of the sea, assuring that our Naval forces will continue to be called upon to respond to emerging crises, to maintain freedom of the sea, to deter would-be aggressors, and to provide our allies with a visible reassurance of the support of the United States of America; and

Whereas, no matter what the cause, location, or magnitude of future conflicts, the Nation can rely on its Navy to produce well-trained, well-led, and highly motivated sailors to carry out the missions entrusted to them: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2               (1) recognizes the historic significance of the  
3               225th birthday of the United States Navy;

4               (2) expresses the appreciation of the people of  
5               the United States to the Navy, and the men and  
6               women who have served in the Navy, for 225 years  
7               of dedicated service;

8               (3) honors the courage, commitment, and sac-  
9               rifice that Americans have made throughout the his-  
10               tory of the Navy; and

11               (4) gives special thanks to the extended Navy  
12               family of civilians, family members, and loved ones  
13               who have served and supported the Navy for the  
14               past 225 years.

