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96th Congress

# Joint Resolution

To recognize the Honorable Carl Vinson on the occasion of the christening of the United States Ship Carl Vinson, March 15, 1980.

Mar. 13, 1980
[S.J. Res. 149]

Whereas the nuclear powered aircraft carrier United States Ship Carl Vinson (CVN70) will be christened and launched at Newport News, Virginia, on Saturday, March 15, 1980; and

Whereas Carl Vinson is the first living American to be present at the launching of a United States Navy warship which bears his name, a name that is synonymous with America's preeminent naval power, a name that stands for strength through preparedness; and

Whereas Carl Vinson served as Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee for fourteen years and as Chairman of the old Naval Affairs Committee for sixteen years, during which time he played a major role in developing a national defense posture second to none, believing always in the philosophy that "No man should ever place the defense of his nation below any other priority"; and

Whereas Carl Vinson's record of fifty years continuous service in the House of Representatives remains unsurpassed, reflecting a lifelong commitment to the security, freedom, and prosperity of all Americans; and

Whereas Carl Vinson served his country with distinction, providing enlightened leadership, and demonstrating an incomparable ability as a legislator: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation extending best wishes to Carl Vinson on this historic occasion and expressing deep appreciation on behalf of the people of the United States of America for his unswerving devotion to his beloved Nation.

Carl Vinson.
Recognition.

Approved March 13, 1980.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

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