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Expressing the appreciation of Congress and the American people for the service performed during World War I and World War II by members of the Navy who were assigned as gun crews on board merchant ships as part of the Naval Armed Guard Service.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GREENWOOD (for himself, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. BATEMAN, Mr. FROST, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. DOOLEY of California, Mr. MANTON, Ms. SANCHEZ, Mr. WAXMAN, and Mr. LANTOS) introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on National Security

JOINT RESOLUTION

Expressing the appreciation of Congress and the American people for the service performed during World War I and World War II by members of the Navy who were assigned as gun crews on board merchant ships as part of the Naval Armed Guard Service.

Whereas the Navy established a special force during both World War I and World War II, known as the Naval Armed Guard Service, to protect merchant ships of the United States from enemy attack by stationing members of the Navy and weapons on board those ships;

Whereas members of the Naval Armed Guard Service served on 6,236 merchant ships during World War II, of which 710 were sunk by enemy action;

Whereas over 144,900 members of the Navy served in the Naval Armed Guard Service during World War II as officers, gun crewmen, signalmen, and radiomen, of whom 1,810 were killed in action;

Whereas the efforts of the members of the Naval Armed Guard Service played a significant role in the safe passage of United States merchant ships to their destinations in the Soviet Union and various locations in western Europe and the Pacific Theater;

Whereas the efforts of the members of the Navy who served in the Naval Armed Guard Service have been largely overlooked due to the rapid disbanding of the service after World War II and lack of adequate records; and

Whereas recognition of the service of the naval personnel who served in the Naval Armed Guard Service is highly warranted and long overdue: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
 2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
 3 That Congress expresses its appreciation, and the appre-
 4 ciation of the American people, for the dedicated service
 5 performed during World War I and World War II by
 6 members of the Navy assigned as gun crews on board mer-
 7 chant ships as part of the Naval Armed Guard Service.

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