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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that aviators who meet the qualification standards of the Air Forces Escape and Evasion Society should be granted recognition for meritorious service by the Department of Defense.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 11, 1997

Mr. STEARNS submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on National Security

RESOLUTION

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Whereas aviators in the Armed Forces have served the United States with great courage and distinction in every conflict during the 20th century;

Whereas thousands of aviators in the Armed Forces have been shot down behind enemy lines while performing their missions;

Whereas many of these aviators have overcome long odds and great hardships to return to their units and resume their service to the United States;

Whereas these aviators faced the added responsibility of maintaining the secrecy of their escape and evasion methods in order to protect the lives of those who assisted them and other aviators;

Whereas this maintenance of secrecy has prevented aviators in the Armed Forces from being recognized for their achievements;

Whereas the Air Forces Escape and Evasion Society has established strict qualifications for membership and has served as a representative for aviators in the Armed Forces; and

Whereas the Department of Defense has not provided adequate recognition to aviators in the Armed Forces who have escaped or evaded capture behind enemy lines: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
 2 resentatives that aviators who meet the qualification
 3 standards of the Air Forces Escape and Evasion Society
 4 should be granted recognition for meritorious service by
 5 the Department of Defense.

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