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Honoring Rear Admiral Jonathan W. Bailey of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Commissioned Officer Corps for his lifetime of selfless commitment and exemplary service to the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 19, 2012

Mr. SCHRADER (for himself, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. MARKEY, and Ms. BONAMICI) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

RESOLUTION

Honoring Rear Admiral Jonathan W. Bailey of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Commissioned Officer Corps for his lifetime of selfless commitment and exemplary service to the United States.

Whereas Rear Admiral Jonathan W. Bailey, the Director of the NOAA Commissioned Officer Corps (NOAA Corps), one of the Nation's 7 Uniformed Services, retires from the NOAA Corps on September 30, 2012, after 32 distinguished years of service;

Whereas Rear Admiral Bailey was appointed by Secretary of Commerce Carlos M. Gutierrez on October 1, 2007, after nomination for the position by President George W. Bush, confirmation by the United States Senate, and

subsequent promotion by the Secretary to the rank of Rear Admiral;

Whereas Rear Admiral Bailey has commanded with distinction and provided exceptional leadership for the Corps from 2007 to 2012, and upheld its values of Honor, Respect, and Commitment;

Whereas Rear Admiral Bailey in his 32 years of service to the Nation has had a balanced operational career, with 7 years of sea duty aboard the NOAA Ships Peirce, Whiting, Rude and Heck, and the Gloria Michelle and almost 9 years of flight duty piloting NOAA's Shrike, Turbo Commander, and Citation aircraft;

Whereas Rear Admiral Bailey served as Executive Director to the Deputy Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere, as Director of the NOAA Corps Commissioned Personnel Center, where he directed the management of a complex system of policies, including compensation and benefits;

Whereas Rear Admiral Bailey played a critical role in developing innovative strategies to improve the NOAA Corps workforce;

Whereas these strategies included the establishment of NOAA Corps core values, a new officer evaluation and billet systems, deployment of technological improvements, and new training modules to educate officers and civilian supervisors about NOAA Corps policies;

Whereas Rear Admiral Bailey served as the Chief of NOAA's National Ocean Service Remote Sensing Division, where he led technology advancement in the simultaneous collection and processing of digital aerial photography, airborne laser data, and airborne imaging spectroscopy for

NOAA's shoreline mapping and the Federal Aviation Administration's Airport Survey programs;

Whereas Rear Admiral Bailey oversaw NOAA's aerial- and ground-based mapping operations that aided search and recovery efforts at the World Trade Center and Pentagon after the September 11 terrorist attacks, and received the Commerce Gold Medal group award for technical skill and coordination in 2002 for his role following the attacks;

Whereas Rear Admiral Bailey has ensured that the NOAA Corps provides a cadre of Officers trained in engineering, earth sciences, oceanography, meteorology, fisheries science, and other related disciplines, with Officers who operate NOAA's ships, fly aircraft, manage research projects, conduct diving operations, and serve in staff positions throughout NOAA;

Whereas Rear Admiral Bailey, during his tenure as Director of the NOAA Corps, has also served as the Director of the NOAA Office of Marine and Aviation Operations, ensuring that one of the Nation's largest civilian research fleets of ships and aircraft was modernized and prepared to support the NOAA mission of science, service, and stewardship;

Whereas Rear Admiral Bailey was nominated by President Barack Obama on March 21, 2011, to serve as a Commissioner on the Mississippi River Commission, which was confirmed by the Senate on June 30, 2011; and

Whereas as we bid fair winds and following seas to Rear Admiral Bailey, it is appropriate that he be remembered for his exceptional and tireless service to the Nation and

noted that his list of career accomplishments is enviable:
Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives recog-
2 nizes and honors Rear Admiral Jonathan W. Bailey of the
3 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
4 (NOAA) Commissioned Officer Corps, on behalf of a
5 grateful Nation, for his lifetime of selfless commitment
6 and exemplary service.

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