

A resolution (S. Res. 378) honoring the members of the crew of the guided missile destroyer U.S.S. *Cole* (DDG-67) who were killed or wounded in the terrorist bombing attack on that vessel in Aden, Yemen, on October 12, 2000, expressing the sympathies of the Senate to the families of those crew members, commending the ship's crew for their heroic damage control efforts, and condemning the bombing of that ship.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the resolution be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 378) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 378

Whereas the guided missile destroyer U.S.S. *COLE* (DDG-67) was severely damaged on October 12, 2000, when a boat bomb exploded alongside that ship while on a refueling stop in Aden, Yemen;

Whereas the explosion resulted in a 40-by-45 foot hole in the port side of the ship at the waterline and left seven of the ship's crew dead, ten who as of October 17, 2000, are missing and presumed dead, and over three dozen wounded;

Whereas the U.S.S. *COLE* had stopped in Aden for routine refueling while in transit from the Red Sea to the Persian Gulf to conduct forward maritime presence operations in the Persian Gulf region as part of the U.S.S. George Washington battle group;

Whereas the members of the United States Navy killed and wounded in the bombing were performing their duty in furtherance of the national security interests of the United States;

Whereas United States national security interests continue to require the forward deployment of elements of the Armed Forces;

Whereas the members of the Armed Forces are routinely called upon to perform duties that place their lives at risk;

Whereas the crew members of the U.S.S. *COLE* who lost their lives as a result of the bombing of their ship on October 12, 2000, died in the honorable service to the Nation and exemplified all that is best in the American people; and

Whereas the heroic efforts of the surviving crew members of the U.S.S. *Cole* after the attack to save their ship and rescue their wounded shipmates are in the highest tradition of the United States Navy: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate, in response to the terrorist bombing attack on the U.S.S. *COLE* (DDG-67) on October 12, 2000, hereby—

(1) honors the members of the crew of the U.S.S. *COLE* who died as a result of that attack and sends heartfelt condolences to their families, friends, and loved ones;

(2) honors the members of the crew of the U.S.S. *COLE* who were wounded in the attack for their service and sacrifice, expresses its hopes for their rapid and complete recovery, and extends its sympathies to their families;

(3) commends the crew of the U.S.S. *COLE* for their heroic damage control efforts; and

(4) condemns the attack against the U.S.S. *COLE* as an unprovoked and cowardly act of terrorism.

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I will just add that I know how deeply Senator WARNER feels about this. I am very appreciative that he submitted this resolution. Senator WARNER served in both the Marines and the Navy, serving as Secretary of the Navy, and now serves as chairman of the Armed Services Committee. He and a substantial delegation of Senators and Congressmen attended the services today for those sailors we lost on the *Cole*.

We need to remember the *Cole*, and we need to remember the hundreds of thousands of service men and women who are serving us around the globe who cannot be fully protected where they are. I think this is an important resolution today. It is appropriate that this Senate pauses to remember them.

MEMORIALIZING THE SAILORS OF THE NAVY LOST IN THE ATTACK ON THE U.S.S. "COLE"

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 379, submitted earlier by Senator SNOWE.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 379) memorializing the sailors of the Navy lost in the attack on the U.S.S. *Cole* (DDG-67) in the port of Aden, Yemen, on October 12, 2000; extending condolences to their families and other loved ones; extending sympathy to the members of the crew of that vessel who were injured in the attack; and commending the entire crew for its performance and professionalism in saving the U.S.S. *Cole*.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, I rise today to express how deeply saddened and angered I am by the apparent terrorist attack on the U.S.S. *Cole* on October 12th. Earlier today, along with many of my distinguished colleagues, I attended a memorial service in Norfolk, Virginia, the homeport of *Cole*. It was an emotional event. The nation lost 17 of its sons and daughters in the prime of their lives.

And we ask why? Why did this happen? I am hopeful that the details of the facts of this despicable act will be determined by the vigorous ongoing investigation. But I will tell my colleagues why—it is because we have national interests throughout the world and we have established a world wide military presence to protect these interests. We rely on these courageous young men and women who have volunteered to serve in our military to make the sacrifices necessary to protect these national interests. Mr. President, these young men and women of the U.S.S. *Cole* who were lost have made the ultimate sacrifice.

As the chair of the Seapower Subcommittee, I submitted a Senate resolution to memorialize those Sailors

who were lost and to extend our heartfelt condolences to their families, shipmates, and other loved ones, to express our concern for the Sailors injured in the attack and wish them a speedy and full recovery, and to commend the entire crew for the performance and professionalism in saving their shipmates and their ship. You all remain in our prayers.

With this apparent terrorist attack, once again, we were brutally reminded of the dangers and risks that our young men and women who serve in uniform face each hour of the day as they safeguard our nation's security interests around the world. In difficult times, one's true colors are revealed—and so I applaud the valiant and courageous actions of the entire crew of the U.S.S. *Cole* as they fought to save their shipmates and their ship from this despicable act.

The courageous crew of the *Cole* embodies the motto of their ship as "Determined Warriors." As we watched those first pictures unfold before our eyes I was struck by their professionalism, skill, and pride in fulfilling their duties. In that photo which shows a close up of the gaping hole at the waterline, I notice Sailors working on the deck just above, at once no doubt shocked and saddened by the loss of their shipmates, yet doing their jobs running pumps, securing lines, and carrying out the myriad other duties in this emergency with courage and determination.

Although I will reserve my judgment on the specific cause of this tragedy until the formal investigation has concluded and those responsible have been identified, there should be no mistake; those who want to disrupt peace and deter our nation from our global responsibilities must know that we will leave no stone unturned in our search to determine who is culpable. They must and will be held accountable. And I feel strongly that the US should keep all options open in determining the appropriate actions for holding those responsible accountable for this cowardly action.

The courage and resoluteness in the face of adversity shown by the gallant crew of the U.S.S. *Cole* is a national characteristic of Americans and when we are attacked under such circumstances, we all become "determined warriors."

The men and women of our armed forces are today's patriots who remain ever vigilant against those who seek to undermine peace and stability in the uncertain world in which we live. I have said before and I continue to believe that one of the United States' greatest blessings is that so many of her young men and women elect to stand vigil knowing full well the sacrifices they may be called upon to make. Certainly, America is stronger for their sacrifice and remains forever indebted.

Mr. President, again it is with the deepest sorrow that I rise today to

mourn the loss of our brave Sailors—my heart goes out to their families as well as those who have suffered injuries and their loved ones. May God grant them comfort and solace in the days ahead. It is my hope that, with this enrolled resolution, they will know that the entire nation grieves with them.

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the resolution be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 379) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 379

Whereas the Arleigh Burke class destroyer U.S.S. Cole (DDG-67) was attacked in the port of Aden, Yemen, on October 12, 2000, apparently by terrorists who, by insidious ruse, drew along side the vessel in a small boat containing powerful explosives that detonated next to the hull of the vessel;

Whereas the horrific explosion in that attack resulted in the loss of 17 sailors and injury to another 39 sailors, all of them being members of the Navy serving in the crew of the U.S.S. Cole;

Whereas those sailors who lost their lives made the ultimate sacrifice in the service of the United States and the Navy;

Whereas all of the remaining members of the crew of the U.S.S. Cole responded valiantly and courageously to save their ship from sinking from the explosion and, in so doing, proved themselves to be "Determined Warriors", the motto of their ship; and

Whereas the men and women of the crew of the U.S.S. Cole, like all of the men and women of the Armed Forces, are the current patriots who stand ever vigilant against the attacks of those who seek to undermine peace and stability in an uncertain world: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That (a) the Senate memorializes those sailors of the Navy who were lost in the despicable attack on the U.S.S. Cole (DDG-67) on October 12, 2000, in the port of Aden, Yemen, as follows:

(1) Richard Costelow, Electronics Technician First Class, of Morrisville, Pennsylvania.

(2) Cherone Louis Gunn, Signalman Seaman Recruit, of Rex, Georgia.

(3) James Rodrick McDaniels, Seaman, of Norfolk, Virginia.

(4) Craig Bryan Wibberley, Seaman Apprentice, of Williamsport, Maryland.

(5) Timothy Lamont Saunders, Operations Specialist Second Class, of Ringold, Virginia.

(6) Lakiba Nicole Palmer, Seaman Recruit, of San Diego, California.

(7) Andrew Triplett, Ensign, of Macon, Mississippi.

(8) Lakeina Monique Francis, Mess Management Specialist, of Woodleaf, North Carolina.

(9) Timothy Lee Gauna, Information Systems Technician Seaman, of Rice, Texas.

(10) Ronald Scott Owens, Electronics Warfare Technician Third Class, of Vero Beach, Florida.

(11) Patrick Howard Roy, Fireman Apprentice, of Cornwall on the Hudson, New York.

(12) Kevin Shawn Rux, Electronics Warfare Technician Second Class, of Portland, North Dakota.

(13) Ronchester Manangan Santiago, Mess Management Specialist Third Class, of Kingsville, Texas.

(14) Gary Graham Swenchonis, Jr., Fireman, of Rockport, Texas.

(15) Kenneth Eugene Clodfelter, Hull Maintenance Technician Third Class, of Mechanicsville, Virginia.

(16) Mark Ian Neito, Engineman Second Class, of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.

(17) Joshua Langdon Parlett, Engineman Fireman, of Churchville, Maryland.

(b) The Senate extends condolences to the members of the families, other loved ones, and shipmates of those devoted sailors who made the ultimate sacrifice in the service of the United States.

(c) It is the sense of the Senate that all of the people of the United States join the Chief of Naval Operations and the other members of the Navy in mourning the grievous loss of life among the members of the crew of the U.S.S. Cole resulting from the attack on that vessel.

SEC. 2. The Senate—

(1) recognizes the loss, sacrifice, valor, and determination of the surviving members of the crew of the U.S.S. Cole;

(2) extends sympathy to the 39 sailors of that crew who were injured in the attack on their vessel; and

(3) commends the members of the crew for their remarkable performance, professionalism, skill, and success in fulfilling their duties to support and save the U.S.S. Cole following the attack.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of the Senate shall transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to the Chief of Naval Operations, the commanding officer of the U.S.S. Cole, and the family of each member of the United States Navy who was lost in the attack on the U.S.S. Cole (DDG-67) in the port of Aden, Yemen, on October 12, 2000.

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, the Senator from Maine, Ms. SNOWE, chairs the Seapower Subcommittee in the Armed Services Committee, of which I am honored to be a member. I likewise appreciate very much her interest in expressing our sympathy to the families of those sailors who were lost.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2000

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it recess until the hour of 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 19. I further ask consent that on Thursday, immediately following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate then proceed to a period of morning business until 12:30, with the time equally divided between the two leaders or their designees, with Senators speaking for up to 5 minutes, with the following exceptions: Senator ASHCROFT for the first 15 minutes; Senator DURBIN or his designee, 15 minutes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I further ask unanimous consent that the Senate recess from 12:30 until 2:15 to accommodate a party caucus.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. SESSIONS. For the information of all Senators, I say on behalf of the majority leader, following the recess on Thursday, the Senate may consider the VA-HUD appropriations conference report, if available; a continuing resolution, if received from the House; or a procedural vote with respect to the bankruptcy reform issue. Therefore, rollcall votes will occur during Thursday's session of the Senate.

RECESS UNTIL 10:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in recess under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:29 p.m., recessed until Thursday, October 19, 2000, at 10:30 a.m.

CONFIRMATION

Executive nomination confirmed by the Senate October 18, 2000:

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

JOHN E. MCLAUGHLIN, OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE.