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S. RES. 255

To honor Admiral Jeremy M. “Mike” Boorda.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 21, 1996

Mr. LOTT (for himself, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. NUNN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. COHEN, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. KEMPTHORNE, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. COATS, Mr. SMITH, Mr. EXON, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BRADLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. BRYAN, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. SIMON, Mr. GRAHAM, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. GLENN, Mr. REID, Mr. JOHNSTON, Mr. ROBB, Mr. INOUYE, Mr. KOHL, Mr. FORD, Mr. KERREY, Mr. DODD, Mr. BUMPERS, Mr. PELL, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. MURRAY, and Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

To honor Admiral Jeremy M. “Mike” Boorda.

Whereas Admiral Jeremy M. “Mike” Boorda was the 25th Chief of Naval Operations;

Whereas, as the Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Boorda commanded the foremost Navy in the World;

Whereas Admiral Boorda’s career in the Navy reflected his lifelong dedication to the United States and to the principles he held dear—duty, honor, and commitment;

Whereas Admiral Boorda is the only member of the Navy ever to rise from the lowest enlisted grade to the position

of Chief of Naval Operations, and this rise gave him a full and unique perspective on the opportunities and obligations of command;

Whereas this perspective instilled in Admiral Boorda an unwavering concern for the members of the Navy and their families;

Whereas, as Commander-in-Chief of NATO forces in Southern Europe, Admiral Boorda ordered the first offensive use of deadly force in the history of NATO, an air strike in February 1994 against four Bosnian Serb aircraft flying in violation of a United Nations ban on such flights;

Whereas Admiral Boorda was a visionary in naval strategy who recognized that circumstances in the post-Cold War era made necessary a strategy that retained a forward presence for the Navy even as it recognized that future Navy operations would most likely occur in the littoral zones of the world;

Whereas this strategy, which Admiral Boorda called “Forward...From the Sea”, will serve as the basis for Navy strategy well into the 21st century;

Whereas Admiral Boorda was a visionary in naval technology who spearheaded programs for the development of the arsenal ship, the new attack submarine, theater ballistic missile defense, and cooperative engagement capabilities;

Whereas these programs, and many others spearheaded by Admiral Boorda, put the Navy on the cutting edge of technology and did so in an efficient, affordable, flexible manner;

Whereas Admiral Boorda recognized the need for the Navy to develop a strategy for utilizing emerging technology effectively and developed in response to that need the plan

known as “20/20 Vision”, a long-range plan for the acquisition and utilization of technology in the future in order to achieve the strategic objectives of the United States; and

Whereas it is fitting that Admiral Boorda be remembered as he described Admiral Arleigh Burke when saying that “...he defined what it means to be a naval officer: relentless in combat, resourceful in command, and revered by his crews... He was, indeed, a sailor’s sailor.”: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate honors Admiral Jeremy M.
2 “Mike” Boorda for a career that included extraordinary
3 contributions to the defense of the United States and a
4 singular commitment to the members of the Navy and
5 thereby exemplified all the best qualities in an officer in
6 the United States Navy.

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