

105TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. RES. 308

Commending the crew members of the United States Navy destroyers of DesRon 61 for their heroism, intrepidity, and skill in action in the only naval surface engagement occurring inside Tokyo Bay during World War II.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 15 (legislative day, OCTOBER 2), 1998

Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. INOUE, and Mr. LEVIN) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was considered and agreed to

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## RESOLUTION

Commending the crew members of the United States Navy destroyers of DesRon 61 for their heroism, intrepidity, and skill in action in the only naval surface engagement occurring inside Tokyo Bay during World War II.

Whereas, DesRon 61, a group of nine United States destroyers composed of the U.S.S. DeHaven (DD 727), U.S.S. Mansfield (DD 728), U.S.S. Swenson (DD 729), U.S.S. Collett (DD 730), U.S.S. Maddox (DD 731), U.S.S. Blue (DD 744), U.S.S. Brush (DD 745), U.S.S. Taussig (DD 746), and U.S.S. Moore (DD 747), and commanded by Captain T.H. Hederman, penetrated Tokyo Bay, Japan, on rough seas and at night;

Whereas, although surrounded in darkness, the vigilant and intrepid members of the crews of the United States de-

stroyers were able to detect a Japanese convoy attempting to sneak out of Tokyo Bay along the coastline, engage and defeat the heavily-armed warships of the Imperial Japanese Navy escorting the convoy, and subdue the convoy; and

Whereas the victory was gained without the loss of a single sailor or ship: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate, on behalf of the people  
2 of the United States commends the members of the crews  
3 of the United States Navy destroyers of DesRon 61 who  
4 participated in the July 22, 1945, surface naval engage-  
5 ment in Tokyo Bay for their heroism, intrepidity, and skill  
6 in battle that contributed to the defeat of Japanese forces  
7 in World War II.

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