**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR MR. DONALD HAMPTON MUNDY OF AIKEN FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY LIFE OF SERVICE TO HIS STATE AND NATION IN WORLD WAR II.

Whereas, Mr. Donald Hampton Mundy, a native of Aiken, South Carolina, is a distinguished American sailor who served from 1945 to 1949; and

Whereas, once news of World War II began to spread to South Carolina, Don was anxious to join his three older brothers in the Navy. He tried to enlist at age fifteen, but was discovered by the recruiter and sent home. At the age of sixteen, with an altered birth certificate, he again tried to enlist, and this time was successful; and

Whereas, he received his orders in September 1945 and boarded a train to San Diego. After his training was complete, he was sent to Schumaker Naval Base in California. Incredibly, he was able to meet up with his three brothers, one of whom was wounded and recovering in a hospital there; and

Whereas, in 1946, Mr. Mundy boarded a Navy ship to Pearl Harbor where he underwent additional training. Soon thereafter he was transferred to the USS George, bound for the China Seas. His assignment was to hunt for Russian submarines. While stationed in China, he helped rescue several Chinese nuns and Swedish missionaries from being executed by the Communists. Mr. Mundy also saw ships that had been blown up, and the total devastation and destruction that World War II brought to China and Japan; and

Whereas, his next assignment took him to the Enewetak Atoll, located approximately 2400 miles off the coast of Hawaii. There he witnessed three atomic bomb tests. The bombs were so powerful that the ship’s deck heated up enough to burn his feet even though the ship was twenty-five miles away from the testing site. After the atomic testing was completed, the USS George returned to its mission of searching for Russian submarines, this time using Hawaii as its home base; and

Whereas, Mr. Mundy’s Navy title was seaman. Although he held many jobs during his tour of duty including boatswain mate, anchoring, and optical range finder, helmsman was his favorite job. His assignments took him to many places in the Far East, including Shanghai, Okinawa, Yokohama, and Kwajalein in the Marshall Islands; and

Whereas, Mr. Mundy left the USS George in Hawaii after he was discharged on August 3, 1949. Just five days later, he was back home in Aiken, South Carolina; and

Whereas, while in the Navy, Mr. Mundy received many medals and ribbons, including the WWII Victory Medal, the American Campaign Medal, the Navy Occupation Service Medal, and the China Service Medal; and

Whereas, the members of the Senate are forever grateful for Mr. Mundy’s World War II service and take great pleasure in honoring his service to this country. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the Senate, by this resolution, recognize and honor Mr. Donald Hampton Mundy for an extraordinary life of service to his state and nation in World War II.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mr. Donald Hampton Mundy.

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