



Legislation Text

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Res. No. 798

Resolution calling upon the United States Senate to pass and the President to sign H.R. 4435, urging the Secretary of Defense to order that the names of the 74 military personnel lost aboard the U.S.S. *Frank E. Evans* on June 3, 1969, be added to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

By Council Members Rose, Mendez, Richards and Ulrich

Whereas, The U.S.S. *Frank E. Evans* collided with Australian aircraft carrier H.M.A.S. *Melbourne* in the South China Sea, while executing allied training exercise, Operation Sea Spirit, on June 3, 1969; and

Whereas, The collision severed the ship into two sections, with the forward section sinking in less than three minutes, taking the lives of 74 American sailors; and

Whereas, The 74 veterans' names have been excluded from the Vietnam memorial because the *Evans'* final mission was outside the designated combat zone; and

Whereas, The 74 veterans were instrumental in advancing objectives in Vietnam and participated in the conflict just days before the collision, according to Rep. Adam Schiff (D-California); and

Whereas, The ship itself was awarded a Vietnam Service Medal for a period ending approximately two weeks prior to her sinking, according to the United States Navy; and

Whereas, Sec. 1089, added by Rep. Adam Schiff (D-California), of H.R. 4435 expresses the sense of Congress that the Secretary of Defense should order that the names of the 74 military personnel lost aboard the U.S.S. *Frank E. Evans* on June 3, 1969, be added to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial; and

Whereas, H.R. 4435, sponsored by Howard P. McKeon (R-California) was passed by the United States House of Representatives in 2014; and

Whereas; Whereas, The U.S.S. *Frank E. Evans* naval destroyer was built on Staten Island and completed in 1944; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls on upon the United States Senate to pass and the President to sign H.R. 4435, urging the Secretary of Defense to order that the names of the 74 military personnel lost aboard the U.S.S. *Frank E. Evans* on June 3, 1969, be added to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

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