



RESOLUTION

County Executives of America

BE IT RESOLVED that the County Executives of America and its members support the motion that the service of U.S. divers from the Army, Navy, Coast Guard, Air Force and Marines has gone far too long without the recognition they so richly deserve. We are passionate advocates for the establishment of a memorial to military divers, which would serve as public recognition of their service. As so much of the early history of military diving is tied to the dive school which was once located at the Washington Navy Yard, and as that location would appropriately place the memorial in our nation's capital, we can think of no more appropriate location for a site dedicated to recognizing the contributions of our service members whose commitment to duty was fulfilled beneath the water's surface. Such a memorial would be appropriately named the "Man in the Sea Memorial Monument" and would be constructed through the donations of private funds.

We encourage your involvement as a bill sponsor for a Congressional Resolution, which would recognize the need for such a memorial and issue a call for the memorial to be located on the grounds of the Washington Navy Yard at the site of the historic dive school along the waterfront of the Anacostia River.

We look forward to hearing about the progress toward the authoring and subsequent passage of an appropriate Sense of Congress that would mirror our interest in honoring those military divers whose selfless service has benefited the nation, in many instances through heroic acts, but who have thus far been under-recognized for their contributions.

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Sincerely,

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