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Dear Mr. West,

The Non Commissioned Officers Association of the United States of America (NCOA) is most pleased to support House Concurrent Resolution 87 expressing the sense of Congress that an appropriate site at the former Navy Dive School at the Washington Navy Yard should be provided for a memorial to honor the members of the Armed Forces who have served as divers and whose service in defense of the United States has been carried out beneath the waters of the world.

A national memorial to commemorate the heroic service of divers in peace and at war is long overdue! Every dive into the murky depths of waters to relieve obstacles which placed countless lives in jeopardy, saved military naval vessels, ensured the mission of the United States Navy, or facilitated humanitarian efforts has been at the great potential risk to the life and limbs of each diver. This Memorial will be more than just a tribute to those who have served as military divers but may well serve as an inspiration to others in this noble vocation. It will stand as an historical footnote of the countless sacrifices to the freedoms enjoyed by all people of the world.

Be assured that the Non Commissioned Officers Association, whose membership is comprised of Noncommissioned Officers and Petty Officers, is ready to offer assistance to further the establishment of a National Divers Memorial fittingly located in the Washington Navy Yard.

Sincerely,

Richard C. Schneider
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