

107TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. CON. RES. 498

Honoring the United States Marines killed in action during World War II while participating in the 1942 raid on Makin Atoll in the Gilbert Islands and expressing the sense of Congress that a site in Arlington National Cemetery near the Space Shuttle Challenger Memorial at the corner of Memorial and Farragut Drives should be provided for the remains of those Marines.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 3, 2002

Mr. BRYANT submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*
2 *concurring), That Congress—*

1 (1) remembers with profound sorrow, gratitude,
2 and respect the United States Marines who were
3 killed in action during World War II while partici-
4 pating in a combat raid on Japanese forces on
5 Makin Atoll in the Gilbert Islands in August, 1942,
6 and whose remains were recovered from Makin Atoll
7 in 1999; and

8 (2) hopes with firm prayers for the recovery of
9 the remains of the 9 United States Marines engaged
10 in that raid who, after surrendering in accordance
11 with the law of armed conflict, were summarily be-
12 headed by their captors on Kwajalein Atoll.

13 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

14 It is the sense of Congress that—

15 (1) the United States Marines killed in action
16 or beheaded in captivity on Makin and Kwajalien
17 Atolls during World War II, as described in the first
18 section of this resolution, gave hope to the world by
19 offering up their lives; and

20 (2) a place of honor in Arlington National Cem-
21 etery near the Space Shuttle Challenger Memorial at
22 the corner of Memorial and Farragut Drives should
23 be provided for the remains of those Marines both
24 as a reminder of United States resolve during the
25 dark, early days of World War II, and as a reminder

1 that the heroism and dedication of those Marines
2 represents the sacrifices that all members of the
3 United States Armed Forces stand ready to make
4 when the security of the United States is threatened.

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