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H. RES. 1241

Congratulating Ensign DeCarol Davis upon serving as the valedictorian of the Coast Guard Academy's class of 2008 and becoming the first African-American female to earn this honor.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 4, 2008

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi (for himself and Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

RESOLUTION

Congratulating Ensign DeCarol Davis upon serving as the valedictorian of the Coast Guard Academy's class of 2008 and becoming the first African-American female to earn this honor.

Whereas Ensign DeCarol Davis is the first African-American female to serve as the valedictorian of the Coast Guard Academy;

Whereas Ensign Davis is from Woodbridge, Virginia, and was the 2004 Forest Park High School valedictorian;

Whereas Ensign Davis's academic achievement at the Coast Guard Academy in a class of over 200 cadets earned her status as the valedictorian of the Coast Guard Academy's class of 2008;

Whereas Ensign Davis's accomplishments include being selected as a 2007 Truman Scholar, 2008 Connecticut Technology Council Women of Innovation Award recipient, 2006 Arthur Ashe, Jr. Women's Basketball First Team Sports Scholar, and 2007 ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District I College Women's Basketball First Team;

Whereas Ensign Davis's community outreach during her four years at the Coast Guard Academy significantly impacted the lives of others, including those at a local elementary school where Ensign Davis wrote and directed a play that introduced engineering as a career to the students;

Whereas the Coast Guard Academy serves a critical role in training the future leaders of the Coast Guard to protect ports, waterways, coastal security, and the marine transportation system from an act of terrorism; secure our borders against aliens seeking to unlawfully enter the United States, illegal drugs, firearms, and weapons of mass destruction at ports, waterways, and throughout the marine transportation system; prevent human smuggling operations at ports, waterways, and throughout the marine transportation system; maintain defense readiness to rapidly deploy defensive port operations and security operations and environmental defense operations; coordinate efforts and intelligence with Federal, State, and local agencies to deter, detect, and respond to the threat of terrorism at ports, on waterways, and throughout the marine transportation system; prevent Osama Bin Laden, al Qaeda, or any other terrorist or terrorist organization from attacking the United States or any United States person; and protect the United States or any United

States person from threats posed by weapons of mass destruction or other threats to national security;

Whereas the Coast Guard Academy has few women and people of color within its cadet population;

Whereas on April 24, 2008, the House of Representatives approved H.R. 2830, the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2008, which included several provisions to improve the diversity of the Coast Guard Academy; and

Whereas Ensign Davis gave her valedictorian address on May 21, 2008: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—
- 2 (1) congratulates Ensign DeCarol Davis for be-
- 3 coming the first African-American female to serve as
- 4 the valedictorian of the Coast Guard Academy; and
- 5 (2) encourages the Coast Guard Academy to
- 6 seek diverse candidates for the cadet corps and to
- 7 continue to train and graduate cadets of a quality
- 8 that the Coast Guard needs to fulfill all its home-
- 9 land and nonhomeland security missions.

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