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H. RES. 1505

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Secretary of the Navy should name the next appropriate naval ship in honor of World War II Medal of Honor recipient John William Finn.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 1, 2010

Mr. HUNTER (for himself, Mr. FILNER, Mr. DJOU, Mr. ISSA, Mr. BARTLETT, Mr. CONAWAY, and Mr. BILBRAY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

RESOLUTION

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Whereas John Finn served in the Navy from 1926 to 1956;

Whereas during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, John Finn, for more than two hours at an exposed position, directed fire from a .50 caliber machine gun at Japanese planes strafing Kaneohe Bay even after being severely wounded;

Whereas John was hit 21 times by bullet and bomb fragments, and despite his wounds, he returned to the hang-

ars later that day, after receiving medical treatment, and helped arm the remaining American planes;

Whereas for his actions on that unforgettable day, John Finn was awarded the Medal of Honor;

Whereas the Medal of Honor is considered an important part of military history and tradition;

Whereas today there are only 90 living Medal of Honor recipients, with the last person receiving the award for service during Vietnam;

Whereas John Finn, at the time of his death, was the oldest living Medal of Honor recipient and the last living recipient from the attack on Pearl Harbor;

Whereas his legacy will continue inspiring us all while reminding countless Americans about the sacrifices and contributions of the Nation's greatest generation;

Whereas the stories of Medal of Honor recipients inspire the country and individuals, while honoring those men and women who have dedicated themselves to the defense of the country; and

Whereas the Medal of Honor provides the Armed Forces with a tremendous heritage and tradition that motivates generations to greater achievements: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
 2 resentatives that the Secretary of the Navy should name
 3 the next appropriate naval ship in honor of John William
 4 Finn for his service and dedication to the United States
 5 and to the Navy.

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