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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
OCTOBER 4, 1999

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and distinguished naval career of Charles
2 "Pete" Conrad, native of this Commonwealth and one of this
3 nation's distinguished astronauts, on the occasion of his
4 death on July 8, 1999.

5 WHEREAS, Charles "Pete" Conrad, Jr., was born on June 2,
6 1930, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and

7 WHEREAS, Charles Conrad attended primary and secondary
8 schools at Haverford School in Haverford, Pennsylvania; and

9 WHEREAS, Charles Conrad entered the United States Navy after
10 graduating from Princeton University and became a naval aviator;
11 and

1 WHEREAS, Charles Conrad was selected as an astronaut by NASA
2 in September 1962; and

3 WHEREAS, Charles Conrad served as a pilot on the eight-day
4 Gemini V flight in August 1965, which flight at 190 hours and 56
5 minutes broke the endurance record for the number of hours in
6 space; and

7 WHEREAS, Charles Conrad was spacecraft commander of the
8 Apollo 12 mission from November 14 through 24, 1969, which
9 mission was the first precision lunar landing and humankind's
10 second lunar landing; and

11 WHEREAS, On that flight, Charles Conrad spent 7 hours and 45
12 minutes on the lunar surface and became the third person to walk
13 on the moon; and

14 WHEREAS, As spacecraft commander on his fourth flight,
15 Charles Conrad flew the first Skylab mission between May 25 and
16 June 22, 1973; and

17 WHEREAS, Each member of the crew logged 672 hours and 49
18 minutes aboard Skylab and in so doing established a new world
19 record for a single mission, with Charles Conrad capturing the
20 individual endurance record for time in space by bringing his
21 total space flight time to 1,179 hours and 38 minutes; and

22 WHEREAS, In December 1973, after serving 20 years (11 of
23 which were as an astronaut in the space program), Charles Conrad
24 retired from the Navy in order to become a vice president with
25 the American Television and Communications Corporation; and

26 WHEREAS, Among his many honors, Charles Conrad was awarded
27 the Congressional Space Medal of Honor in October 1978; and

28 WHEREAS, Charles Conrad died on July 8, 1999, at 69 years of
29 age, in a motorcycle accident in California; therefore be it

30 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the life

1 and distinguished naval career of Charles "Pete" Conrad, native
2 of this Commonwealth and one of this nation's distinguished
3 astronauts, on the occasion of his death on July 8, 1999.