

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, JANUARY 28, 2019

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 Urging the President and Congress of the United States to take  
 2 immediate action to preserve the underwater graves of  
 3 servicepersons who died defending this nation.

4 WHEREAS, The underwater graves of dead servicepersons from  
 5 various nations are being disturbed, destroyed and removed by  
 6 illegal salvaging operations; and

7 WHEREAS, The looting of sunken warships from the United  
 8 States, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Australia and Japan  
 9 in the waters of southeast Asia is ongoing; and

10 WHEREAS, These sunken warships are being blown up and cut  
 11 apart for scrap metal by large ships with giant cranes and grab  
 12 dredgers without regard for the human remains of the dead  
 13 servicepersons who occupied the warships; and

14 WHEREAS, Naval shipwrecks are the property of nations and  
 15 protected under international law; and

16 WHEREAS, Our nation has a solemn obligation to protect the  
 17 final resting place of the servicepersons who died defending

1 this nation; therefore be it

2       RESOLVED (the Senate concurring), That the General Assembly  
3 of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the President and  
4 Congress of the United States to take immediate action to  
5 preserve the underwater graves of servicepersons who died  
6 defending this nation; and be it further

7       RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to  
8 the President of the United States and each member of Congress  
9 from Pennsylvania.