

HCONRES 49

Recognizing the victims of the Port Chicago explosion of July 17, 1944, the 75th anniversary of the greatest homeland loss of life of World War II, and exonerating the 50 African-American sailors unjustly court-martialed by the Navy.

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Committee Activity

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Armed Services Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 12, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jun 11, 2019)

This resolution recognizes the service and sacrifice of those who served and perished at Port Chicago Naval Magazine, in California, during World War II. The resolution exonerates the 50 Port Chicago sailors convicted of the charge of mutiny against the United States and all other charges brought against them after the July 17, 1944, explosion that killed 320. It upgrades the general and summary discharges of the Port Chicago sailors to honorable discharges.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 12, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
- **Jun 11, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 11, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.