

HCONRES 40

Recognizing the victims of the Port Chicago explosion of July 17, 1944, the 77th 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

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 16, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jul 16, 2021)

This concurrent resolution recognizes the service and sacrifice of those who served and perished in California at Port Chicago Naval Magazine during World War II. The concurrent resolution also 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

- **Jul 16, 2021:** Introduced in House
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