

**Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 3, 2023**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3008
(Representatives Schauer, Bellew, Headland, D. Johnson, Klemin, Lefor, Pyle)
(Senators Hogan, Wanzek, Wobbema)

A concurrent resolution urging the 118th Congress to take favorable action on S. 849 and H.R. 7972, to provide for the inclusion on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall the names of the lost crew members of the U.S.S. Frank E. Evans.

WHEREAS, in the early morning hours of June 3, 1969, while participating in Operation Sea Spirit, the U.S.S. Frank E. Evans collided with the HMAS Melbourne in the South China Sea, resulting in the death of 74 United States sailors, including Patrick Gene Glennon of Fessenden, North Dakota, and Robert James Seale of Grand Forks, North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, all American ships were ordered out from combat support missions in Vietnam to participate in the training operation; and

WHEREAS, Public Law No. 96-297 [94 Stat. 827; 16 U.S.C. 431 et seq.], authorized the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund to establish a memorial in honor and recognition of the men and women of the armed forces of the United States who served in the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund relies on the department of defense to compile the list of names and criteria for inclusion on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall; and

WHEREAS, under title 38, United States Code, section 101, veterans who died as a direct or indirect result of military operations in Southeast Asia are eligible for inclusion on the memorial; and

WHEREAS, the evidence submitted regarding the accident that destroyed the U.S.S. Frank E. Evans, killing 74 of her sailors, shows the Evans had been operating in combat support missions and would have returned to combat support upon completing Operation Sea Spirit;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

That the Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly urges the 118th Congress to take favorable action on S. 849 and H.R. 7972, to provide for the inclusion on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall the names of the lost crew members of the U.S.S. Frank E. Evans; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward a copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States Senate, the Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States House of Representatives, and to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate