

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3005

Introduced by

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- 1 A concurrent resolution urging the 119th Congress to provide for the inclusion on the Vietnam
2 Veterans Memorial Wall the names of the lost crew members of the U.S.S. Frank E. Evans.
- 3 **WHEREAS**, in the early morning hours of June 3, 1969, while participating in Operation
4 Sea Spirit, the U.S.S. Frank E. Evans collided with the HMAS Melbourne in the South China Sea,
5 resulting in the death of 74 United States sailors, including Patrick Gene Glennon of
6 Fessenden, North Dakota, and Robert James Seale of Grand Forks, North Dakota; and
- 7 **WHEREAS**, all American ships were ordered out from combat support missions in Vietnam
8 to participate in the training operation; and
- 9 **WHEREAS**, Public Law No. 96-297 [94 Stat. 827; 16 U.S.C. 431 et seq.], authorized the
10 Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund to establish a memorial in honor and recognition of the men
11 and women of the armed forces of the United States who served in the Vietnam War; and
- 12 **WHEREAS**, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund relies on the department of defense to
13 compile the list of names and criteria for inclusion on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall; and
- 14 **WHEREAS**, under Title 38, United States Code, Section 101, veterans who died as a direct
15 or indirect result of military operations in Southeast Asia are eligible for inclusion on the
16 memorial; and
- 17 **WHEREAS**, the evidence submitted regarding the accident that destroyed the U.S.S.
18 Frank E. Evans, killing 74 of her sailors, shows the Evans had been operating in combat
19 support missions and would have returned to combat support upon completing Operation Sea
20 Spirit;
- 21 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF**
22 **NORTH DAKOTA, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:**

1 That the Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly urges the 119th Congress to provide for the
2 inclusion on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall the names of the lost crew members of the
3 U.S.S. Frank E. Evans; and

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