

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 4

Unofficial Copy
P1

2001 Regular Session
(11r1000)

ENROLLED RESOLUTION

-- Economic and Environmental Affairs/Commerce and Government Matters --

Introduced by ~~Senator Green~~ **Senators Green, Blount, Hollinger, Collins,
Conway, Dyson, Frosh, Harris, Jacobs, McCabe, Pinsky, and Stone
Stone, Munson, and Mooney**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

Proofreader.

Proofreader.

Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this
____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, ____ M.

President.

RESOLUTION NO. 1

1 A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Remembering the U.S.S. Cole**

3 FOR the purpose of recognizing and memorializing the loss of the American Navy
4 personnel on the U.S.S. Cole including Maryland crew members who gave their
5 lives as a result of the terrorist attack on the U.S.S. Cole.

6 WHEREAS, On October 12, 2000, the DDG 67 U.S.S. Cole was moored to a
7 harbor refueling island during a stop in the port of Aden, Yemen; and

8 WHEREAS, At approximately 5:15 a.m. eastern daylight savings time, an
9 attack was executed on the U.S.S. Cole by a small boat containing explosives that
10 pulled alongside the missile destroyer; and

11 WHEREAS, In the aftermath of the explosion, the crew members of the U.S.S.
12 Cole acted with tremendous foresight, courage, and determination, and prompted
13 Army General William Crouch to remark that, "the actions of the commanding officer
14 and crew, following the attack, saved the ship and several of their shipmates"; and

1 WHEREAS, The explosion killed 17 ship personnel, injured 39, and caused
2 extensive damage to the U.S.S. Cole, ripping at least a 40 by 40 foot hole into the
3 armored hull of the ship; and

4 WHEREAS, Three of the 17 Navy personnel killed were citizens of Maryland:

5 ~~Joshua Parlett, age 19, Engineman Fireman, from Churchville, who had just~~
6 ~~joined the Navy after graduating from high school;~~

7 ~~Patrick Roy, age 19, Fireman Apprentice, from Keedysville, a lacrosse athlete,~~
8 ~~wrestling enthusiast, and school actor who was described by a family friend as a "nice~~
9 ~~kid who wanted to serve his country"; and~~

10 ~~Craig Wibberley, age 19, Seaman, from Williamsport, who raised and lowered~~
11 ~~the destroyer's small anchor and was described by the family minister as "a good~~
12 ~~all American boy"; and~~

13 Joshua Langdon Parlett, age 19, Engineman Fireman, from Churchville, who
14 had joined the Navy following graduation from Harford Christian School, was known
15 by his shipmates as a hardworking problem solver, and was a young man who had
16 found direction in his life through service to God and country;

17 Patrick Howard Roy, age 19, Fireman Apprentice, from Keedysville, captain of
18 the Storm King School lacrosse team, and outdoor enthusiast, who was drawn to the
19 Navy by his love of sailing, and who lived his life simply and without pretense; and

20 Craig Bryan Wibberley, age 19, Seaman Apprentice, from Williamsport, soccer
21 and saxophone player, with keen computer abilities, who enjoyed the travel and
22 exploration the Navy experience offered; and

23 WHEREAS, These three Marylanders, along with the other crew of the U.S.S.
24 Cole, answered the same call to service and were working hard to keep peace and
25 stability in a region that could disrupt the entire world at any time; and

26 WHEREAS, President Clinton had this to say about the ultimate sacrifice made
27 by those who gave their lives on the U.S.S. Cole:

28 "Their tragic loss reminds us that even when America is not at war, the men and
29 women of our military still risk their lives for peace.

30 ...I regret that no one will ever be able to write a full account of the wars we
31 never fought, the losses we never suffered, the tears we never shed, because men and
32 women like those who were on the U.S.S. Cole were standing guard for peace. We
33 should never ever forget that"; now, therefore, be it

34 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the
35 General Assembly recognizes and memorializes the 17 American Navy personnel on
36 the U.S.S. Cole, including the three Marylanders, the ultimate sacrifice made by
37 Joshua Langdon Parlett, Patrick Howard Roy, and Craig Bryan Wibberley, the
38 promise of their young lives, their tremendous courage, their willingness to serve

1 their country, and their determination to contribute to the American ideals of peace
2 and liberty; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
4 Legislative Services to the Honorable Parris N. Glendening, Governor of Maryland;
5 the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; and
6 the Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr., Speaker of the House of Delegates.