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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

1 A House Joint Resolution concerning

2 **USS Forrestal CVA-59 World Super Aircraft Carrier Museum**

3 FOR the purpose of expressing the support of the General Assembly for setting aside  
4 a pier and adjoining terminal land in the greater Baltimore Harbor area to  
5 establish the USS Forrestal CVA-59 World Super Aircraft Carrier Museum; and  
6 recommending that the Governor set aside the pier and terminal land area for  
7 the museum, contingent on certain events.

8 WHEREAS, A group of United States Navy veterans known as the USS  
9 Forrestal Museum, Inc., a registered not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization, has  
10 requested the use of a pier and adjoining terminal land in the greater Baltimore  
11 Harbor area to establish the Forrestal as a world-class naval museum; and

12 WHEREAS, The historic USS Forrestal CVA-59, the world's first  
13 "supercarrier" and the model for all supercarriers, is now retired and available for  
14 donation by the United States Navy to the USS Forrestal Museum, Inc., which would  
15 convert the Forrestal into the world's largest floating naval museum and memorial;  
16 and

17 WHEREAS, On October 30, 1963, Forrestal made history with the launch and  
18 landing of a C-130F Hercules four-engine transport plane without the aid of  
19 arresting gear or a catapult. The C-130F is the heaviest aircraft to ever accomplish  
20 this feat aboard an aircraft carrier; and

21 WHEREAS, The USS Forrestal CVA-59 World Super Aircraft Carrier Museum  
22 would be a memorial museum honoring all United States Navy veterans who served  
23 when our country called, especially the Maryland sailors who died aboard Forrestal  
24 during a deadly fire on July 29, 1967; and

25 WHEREAS, During the fire, Forrestal sustained more damage than any  
26 aircraft carrier in naval aviation history, other than those aircraft carriers that were  
27 sunk or damaged during World War II; and

1 WHEREAS, Because of this deadly fire, Forrestal forever changed naval  
2 aviation, returning home under her own power after the damage was repaired and  
3 serving 26 more years, 13,860 days in all; and

4 WHEREAS, The USS Forrestal CVA-59 World Super Aircraft Carrier Museum  
5 would be located in the vicinity of another national monument and treasure, the Fort  
6 McHenry National Monument & Historic Shrine, birthplace of our National Anthem;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, The museum would compliment Fort McHenry, a symbol of our  
9 nation's fight for freedom and independence, by preserving the Forrestal's 38 years of  
10 defending our freedom and maintaining world peace; and

11 WHEREAS, The museum would be a world-class tourist destination, an  
12 educational experience for our youth, and a living history lesson for young and old  
13 alike; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the  
15 General Assembly supports the USS Forrestal Museum, Inc.'s request and  
16 recommends to the Governor that a pier and adjoining terminal land in the greater  
17 Baltimore Harbor area be set aside for establishing the USS Forrestal CVA-59 World  
18 Super Aircraft Carrier Museum, contingent on the USS Forrestal Museum, Inc.  
19 raising the required private funds and being awarded the USS Forrestal by the  
20 United States Navy; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of  
22 Legislative Services to the Honorable Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Governor of Maryland;  
23 the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; and  
24 the Honorable Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the House of Delegates.