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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 15

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A House Resolution designating the Grout Museum of History and Science as the official repository of artifacts related to the Sullivan Brothers.

WHEREAS, George Thomas, Francis Henry, Joseph Eugene, Madison Abel, and Albert Leo Sullivan, formerly of Waterloo, Iowa, joined the United States Navy January 3, 1942; and

WHEREAS, the five brothers were permitted by the Navy to serve together on the light cruiser USS Juneau; and

WHEREAS, all five brothers, along with over 700 other men, were lost at sea during the Battle of Guadalcanal, when the USS Juneau was struck by an enemy torpedo on November 13, 1942; and

WHEREAS, the loss of these five brothers was the largest loss suffered by one family in a single engagement during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Thomas and Alleta Able Sullivan and their daughter Genevieve Sullivan Davidson set aside their private grief and devoted over a year of patriotic duty to the recruiting efforts of the United States Navy; and

WHEREAS, the United States Navy has named two ships in honor of the Sullivan brothers; and

WHEREAS, the Grout Museum of History and Science is in possession of tangible artifacts and archival material belonging to and related to the Sullivan brothers; and

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1 WHEREAS, the Fighting Sullivans from Waterloo,  
2 Iowa, are known throughout the world, and exemplify  
3 the ideals of self-sacrifice and patriotism; NOW  
4 THEREFORE,

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
6 That the Grout Museum of History and Science of  
7 Waterloo, Iowa, is recognized as the official  
8 repository of all tangible artifacts and archival  
9 material relating to the Sullivan brothers.

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