

House Resolution 62 - Introduced

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 62

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1 A Resolution honoring the four-decade saga of the USS
2 Dubuque and its crew.

3 WHEREAS, after over 40 years of service, from
4 Vietnam to the Horn of Africa, the USS Dubuque is
5 scheduled for decommissioning on June 30, 2011, and
6 will be placed in reserve; and

7 WHEREAS, LPD-8, as the USS Dubuque is designated,
8 was commissioned in 1967 as an amphibious transport
9 dock; and

10 WHEREAS, the USS Dubuque saw extensive duty in
11 Vietnam, earning eight campaign stars for Vietnam
12 service, and in a highly publicized event in October
13 1968, the ship returned 14 repatriated prisoners of war
14 to North Vietnam; and

15 WHEREAS, in the final chapter of the Vietnam
16 conflict, in April 1975 the USS Dubuque participated
17 in the evacuation of Saigon and the rescue of refugees
18 fleeing South Vietnam; and

19 WHEREAS, over the decades the USS Dubuque saw
20 service throughout the globe and has received two
21 Navy Unit Commendations, four Meritorious Unit
22 Commendations, three Battle Efficiency Awards,
23 three Armed Forces Expeditionary Medals, and four
24 Humanitarian Service Medals, and participated in
25 countless amphibious exercises and operations
26 throughout the Western Pacific and Indian Oceans; and

27 WHEREAS, most recently in 2010 the USS Dubuque and

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1 its crew completed a humanitarian mission, providing
2 support services in a massive humanitarian and
3 disaster relief effort for the flood-ravaged nation of
4 Pakistan; NOW THEREFORE,

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
6 That the House of Representatives honors the men and
7 women who have served aboard the USS Dubuque and honors
8 the ship itself for over four decades of military and
9 humanitarian service.