

Senate Resolution 239

By: Senator Clay of the 37th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending William A. Duke, Jr.; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, William A. Duke, Jr., began his distinguished and exemplary career with the
3 United States Navy on March 12, 1980; and

4 WHEREAS, his outstanding service has included shore duty on Diego Garcia, a small island
5 in the Indian Ocean; Charleston, South Carolina; Bangor, Maine; San Diego, California; and
6 Norfolk, Virginia; and

7 WHEREAS, he has served with dedication and diligence on the USS Patterson, the USS
8 Boone, Pre Commissioning Unit Fitzgerald, the USS Simpson, and the USS Stump; and

9 WHEREAS, his essential responsibilities have included technical support to the power plant
10 supplying electrical power to Diego Garcia, maintaining and supervising the maintenance of
11 the auxiliary systems of a variety of ships, routine maintenance on all ships assigned to Naval
12 Station Charleston, recruiting highly motivated men and women to serve in the Navy,
13 overseeing training of persons assigned to engineering, reviewing maintenance orders for
14 planning purposes, and performing as force maintenance supervisor in charge of all
15 maintenance for all ships in the Atlantic Fleet; and

16 WHEREAS, his achievements and expertise have been honored by the Navy with two Navy
17 commendation medals, seven Navy and Marine Corps achievement medals, six good conduct
18 medals, five meritorious unit commendations, three sea service deployment ribbons, two
19 national defense service medals, armed forces service medal, armed forces expeditionary
20 medal, Navy expeditionary medal, overseas service ribbon, recruiter's ribbon, and enlisted
21 surface warfare specialist pin; and

22 WHEREAS, he is planning to transfer to the United States Navy Fleet Reserve Association
23 to complete his remaining seven years of service; and

1 WHEREAS, the Navy cannot operate on sea or shore without the efficient, tireless, and
2 prodigious labors of technical experts like William A. Duke, Jr.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
4 commend William A. Duke, Jr., for his vital contributions to our national security.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
6 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to William A. Duke, Jr.