

House Resolution 759

By: Representatives Hill of the 180th, Keen of the 179th, Lane of the 167th, Stephens of the 164th, and Smith of the 168th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Captain Mike McKinnon; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Captain Mike McKinnon is a native of Claiborne County, Tennessee, and he
3 received his commission as a naval officer in May of 1981 after graduating from the United
4 States Naval Academy with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering; and
- 5 WHEREAS, his outstanding performance on sea assignments led to his command of the USS
6 *Kentucky* and assignment as navigator and operations officer on the USS *Batfish*, both
7 operating out of Charleston, South Carolina, and as executive officer on the USS *West*
8 *Virginia*, based in Kings Bay, Georgia; and
- 9 WHEREAS, his shore assignments included duty in Charleston, South Carolina, on the staff
10 of the commander, Submarine Squadron Eighteen, where he served as the staff's operations
11 officer; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he was officer-in-charge of the torpedo retriever SVC *Crayfish* and combat
13 systems director and engineering department director for the Submarine Training Facility;
14 and
- 15 WHEREAS, Captain McKinnon was deputy commander for readiness and training on the
16 staff of the commander, Submarine Squadron Twenty, in Kings Bay; and
- 17 WHEREAS, his most recent assignment was as the assistant chief of staff for plans and
18 policy and as assistant chief of staff for operations on the staff of the commander, Submarine
19 Group Eight, in Naples, Italy; and
- 20 WHEREAS, on August 10, 2004, Captain McKinnon became the sixteenth commanding
21 officer of Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay in Kings Bay, Georgia; and

1 WHEREAS, he is entitled to wear the Legion of Merit (two awards), the Meritorious Service
2 Medal (two awards), the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (five awards), the
3 Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, the Defense Service Medal, and the
4 Humanitarian Service Medal.

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
6 the members of this body commend and honor Captain Mike McKinnon for his distinguished
7 career in the United States Navy.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
9 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Okefenokee Area
10 Council of the Boy Scouts of America for presentation to Captain Mike McKinnon at their
11 Osprey District Golden Eagle Dinner on March 29, 2005, where he will be honored.