

House Resolution 293

By: Representatives Taylor of the 79th, Wilkinson of the 52nd, Belton of the 112th, Geisinger of the 48th, Jones of the 167th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 3, 2015, as the Centennial Commemoration of the Navy Reserve; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, since the birth of this great nation, brave citizens have answered the call to
4 service at sea from the proposition of a national naval militia by Thomas Jefferson in 1805;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, the Civil War saw these units augmented in support of the Navy, and during the
7 Spanish-American War in 1898, 4,215 militia men supported the Navy; and

8 WHEREAS, in 1915, the United States Congress officially established the Federal Navy
9 Reserve; and

10 WHEREAS, for the past 100 years, Navy Reserve sailors have participated in every armed
11 conflict in which the United States has engaged, with more than 300,000 Navy Reserve
12 sailors serving in World War I and more than two million Navy Reserve sailors serving in
13 World War II, including former United States Presidents John F. Kennedy and George H. W.
14 Bush; and

15 WHEREAS, 130,000 Navy Reserve sailors served in Korea, one out of every seven sailors
16 serving in Vietnam was a member of the Navy Reserve, over 22,000 Navy Reserve sailors
17 mobilized during the first Gulf War, and 1,500 Navy Reserve sailors served in Bosnia and
18 Kosovo; and

19 WHEREAS, with more than 70,000 Navy Reserve sailors mobilized since September, 2001,
20 to support the Global War on Terrorism, the Navy Reserve of today is ready, trained, aligned,
21 and integrated with the active duty force; and

22 WHEREAS, the mission of the Navy Reserve is to provide strategic depth and deliver
23 operational capabilities to our Navy and Marine Corps teams and Joint Forces during times
24 of war and peace; and

25 WHEREAS, Navy Reserve sailors are patriots who balance the demands of family,
26 community, civilian employment, and military readiness, hailing from local communities in
27 every state, representing the interests of this nation, connecting to the American people, and
28 embodying the spirit of the American ideal; and

29 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia has over 3,000 Navy Reserve sailors serving at Navy
30 Operational Support Centers in Augusta, Columbus, and Marietta, and these brave men and
31 women have answered this nation's call around the world since September, 2001.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
33 the members of this body recognize March 3, 2015, as the Centennial Commemoration of
34 the Navy Reserve and salute the valuable contributions of Navy Reserve sailors from the
35 State of Georgia.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
37 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to
38 members of the public and the press.