

## Senate Resolution 869

By: Senators Hill of the 32nd, Orrock of the 36th, Thompson of the 14th, Hill of the 6th, Rhett of the 33rd and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Commander Axel W. Spens for his outstanding service with the United States  
2 Navy; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Commander Axel W. Spens received his commission in the United States Navy  
4 from the Vanderbilt University Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC), graduated  
5 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in American Studies from David Lipscomb University in  
6 Nashville, Tennessee, in 1994, and received a Master of Public Administration degree at  
7 Valdosta State University; and

8 WHEREAS, Commander Spens went on to complete submarine training at the Naval  
9 Nuclear Power School in Orlando, Florida, the Nuclear Power Training Unit in Charleston,  
10 South Carolina, and the officer basic course in Groton, Connecticut; and

11 WHEREAS, Commander Spens served as a division officer on the USS *West Virginia* in  
12 Kings Bay, Georgia, as the navigator on the USS *Florida* in Bangor, Washington, and the  
13 combat systems officer on both the USS *Newport News* in Norfolk, Virginia, and USS *La*  
14 *Jolla* in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; and

15 WHEREAS, his most recent sea and land assignments were as the executive officer on the  
16 USS *Cheyenne* in Hawaii and on the Navy staff as the executive assistant for the Director of  
17 Undersea Warfare, respectively; and

18 WHEREAS, Commander Spens has completed two Mediterranean deployments, two western  
19 Pacific deployments, and seven strategic patrols; and

20 WHEREAS, he has also served as an instructor and class director at the Naval Nuclear Power  
21 School in Charleston, South Carolina, and the Bureau of Naval Personnel in Millington,  
22 Tennessee; he was the operations officer at Submarine Squadron One at Pearl Harbor; and

23 he held the position of Navy Legislative Fellow, where he worked on the personal staff of  
24 Congressman Jack Kingston.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
26 commend Commander Axel W. Spens for his outstanding service with the United States  
27 Navy and wish him continued success.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
29 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Commander Axel  
30 W. Spens.