

## House Resolution 1540

By: Representatives Alexander of the 66<sup>th</sup>, New of the 40<sup>th</sup>, and Baker of the 64<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Senior Chief Earnest C. Washington upon his retirement from the Department of  
2 Veterans Affairs and prior decades-long service to the United States Navy; and for other  
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Senior Chief Earnest C. Washington, a proud native of Savannah, Georgia, has  
5 devoted a lifetime to service, leadership, and excellence, demonstrating an unwavering  
6 commitment to both country and community; and

7 WHEREAS, after more than twenty years of honorable service in the United States Navy,  
8 Mr. Washington retired, and later began his federal civilian career with the Department of  
9 Veterans Affairs in 2008, as a Rating Veterans Service Representative, exemplifying that  
10 service to Veterans was not merely a profession, but a lifelong calling; and

11 WHEREAS, throughout his tenure at the Atlanta Regional VA Office, Mr. Washington  
12 distinguished himself as a respected leader, mentor, and advocate, progressing through  
13 multiple leadership roles, including Assistant Coach, Coach, and ultimately, in April 2015,  
14 promotion to Assistant Veterans Service Center Manager; and

15 WHEREAS, in every role, Mr. Washington made a lasting impact—strengthening  
16 operations, mentoring staff, and upholding the highest standards of service for the men and  
17 women who served our nation; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Washington's career reflects the highest ideals of servant leadership,  
19 grounded in integrity, discipline, and a profound commitment to community; and

20 WHEREAS, his personal life mirrors his professional accomplishments, as he and his  
21 devoted wife, Marcia Washington, a fellow Navy retiree and former VA Atlanta Regional  
22 employee, have shared 36 years of marriage and nurtured a family committed to service and  
23 leadership; and

24 WHEREAS, their three children and six grandchildren continue the family's legacy of service  
25 and community engagement, further exemplifying the enduring impact of a family dedicated  
26 to service, mentorship, and community contribution; and

27 WHEREAS, Senior Chief Washington officially retires on January 31, 2026, leaving behind  
28 a legacy of integrity, leadership, and service, and entering a well-earned chapter with more  
29 time to spend with family and loved ones; and

30 WHEREAS, his contributions to Veterans, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and the  
31 community will be remembered for years to come.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
33 the members of this body honor and commend Senior Chief Earnest C. Washington for his  
34 extraordinary service to the United States Navy, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and the  
35 community of Douglasville, Georgia, as well as extends their deepest gratitude to Senior

36 Chief Washington and his family for their unwavering dedication, exemplary leadership, and  
37 lifelong commitment to service.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
39 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
40 Senior Chief Washington.