
SENATE RESOLUTION

RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO
COMMEMORATE THE HONORABLE SERVICE OF THE U.S. NAVY'S F-14
TOMCAT IN DEFENDING FREEDOM.

1 WHEREAS, in the Regular Session of 2007, the House of
2 Representatives of the Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of
3 Hawaii unanimously passed H.C.R. No. 180 based on their
4 recognition of the exemplary service by the United States Navy's
5 F-14 Tomcat, upon its retirement in 2006 and a reverent
6 understanding of the F-14's contribution to the free world as
7 both a tested and proven weapons platform of the Cold War and an
8 American icon, starring as the center attraction of patriotic
9 films such as "Top Gun" and "The Final Countdown"; and

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11 WHEREAS, the F-14 Tomcat saw service in only two
12 militaries, the U.S. Navy and the Imperial Iranian Air Force,
13 and having retired from U.S. service in September 2006, Iran
14 remains the only active user of the F-14 Tomcat; and

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16 WHEREAS, while the state of Iran has already honored the
17 service of the F-14 Tomcat with a postal stamp of their own, the
18 United States Postal Service (USPS) as yet does not have a stamp
19 to commemorate American Tomcats; and

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21 WHEREAS, the F-14 Tomcat was in continuous active service
22 since 1972, and has become an icon of American ingenuity and a
23 symbol of America's resolve to protect and perpetuate freedom;
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26 WHEREAS, the F-14 Tomcat was responsible for the perception
27 of the countries around the world that the United States was
28 able to protect its people, uphold its policies abroad, and
29 defend her allies; and

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31 WHEREAS, the retirement of the American Tomcat in 2006 has
32 led to the complete and thorough destruction of all F-14
33 aircraft not reserved for static displays, thus effectively
34 annihilating the historic legacy of not only the aircraft, but
35 the men and women who were a part of it; and



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2 WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the need for historic
3 preservation of key American icons such as the F-14 Tomcat to
4 serve as a reminder to future generations that freedom often
5 requires strength; and
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7 WHEREAS, the Legislature is thankful to not only the F-14
8 Tomcat, but also the men and women of the Tomcat who helped keep
9 America free throughout the Cold War, allowing all of us to
10 continue in the exercise of democracy; now, therefore,
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12 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth
13 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008,
14 that the Legislature respectfully requests the United States
15 Postal Service to commemorate the honorable service of the F-14
16 Tomcat in defending freedom with a First Class Stamp; and
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
19 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States
20 of America, Secretary of Defense, Secretary of the Navy,
21 Postmaster General of the USPS, Citizen's Stamp Advisory
22 Committee of the USPS, Governor, Hawaii's Congressional
23 Delegation, F-14 Tomcat Association, and Northrop Grumman
24 Corporation.

