

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 744

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A RESOLUTION to designate May 7-13, 2012, as "Nashville Navy Week" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, America's Navy is our nation's front line in war and in peace, operating on, above, and below the sea; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the bicentennial of the War of 1812. So many of the qualities that shaped and helped the Navy win 200 years ago still hold true today: the fighting spirit and boldness of the Navy's sailors, the Navy's innovation and technological supremacy, the direct link between a strong Navy and a prosperous America through free world trade, and the Navy's key role in preserving American sovereignty; and

WHEREAS, today, Navy ships fight on the sea; Navy submarines fight under the sea; and Navy aircraft fight over the sea, taking off from and landing on Navy aircraft carriers. This ability to act from the sea is critical to national security; it gives the Navy the power to protect America's interests – anywhere, anytime; and

WHEREAS, what happens on the sea matters to world peace; it matters to our economy and to the preservation of prosperity; and it matters to our national defense. A strong Navy is necessary to preserve the American way of life; and

WHEREAS, the Navy is fast, flexible, and by its very nature, ready and operating forward. Our ships, submarines, and aircraft can go anywhere on the sea on short notice, and they can do all of their work from the sea; and

WHEREAS, in today's world, power must be ready, fast, flexible, and operating forward; this requires warfighter sailors who are highly trained, highly motivated, and courageous, sailors who are capable of meeting any challenge. It requires the best sailors in the world – the men and women of the United States Navy; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee thanks the United States Navy for visiting Nashville to help foster understanding of the United States Navy's mission, capabilities, and relevance to national security; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby designate May 7-13, 2012, as "Nashville Navy Week" in Tennessee and expressing our unending gratitude to the noble servicemen and servicewomen of the United States Navy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.