

113TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. RES. 531

Honoring the life, accomplishments, and legacy of Louis Zamperini and  
expressing condolences on his passing.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 31, 2014

Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. McCAIN) submitted the following  
resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

DECEMBER 3, 2014

Committee discharged; considered, amended, and agreed to

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## RESOLUTION

Honoring the life, accomplishments, and legacy of Louis  
Zamperini and expressing condolences on his passing.

Whereas Louis Silvie “Lou” Zamperini was born on January  
26, 1917, to Anthony and Louise Zamperini, in Olean,  
New York;

Whereas Louis Zamperini represented the United States in  
the 1936 Olympics in Berlin as a distance runner;

Whereas Louis Zamperini graduated from the University of  
Southern California in 1940 and enlisted in the United  
States Army Air Corps in 1941, earning the rank of lieu-  
tenant;

Whereas in May 1943, Louis Zamperini's B-24 bomber malfunctioned and crashed during a search-and-rescue mission over the Pacific Ocean, leaving him and 2 other individuals stranded;

Whereas Louis Zamperini survived for 47 days adrift in a life raft with Second Lieutenant Russell Phillips before being captured by Japanese forces and placed in a prisoner of war camp;

Whereas for more than 2 years, during his imprisonment, Louis Zamperini endured brutal treatment and forced labor with courage and resilience;

Whereas upon the conclusion of World War II, Louis Zamperini was released from the prisoner of war camp in September 1945;

Whereas Louis Zamperini was promoted to captain and awarded multiple distinguishing military honors, including the Purple Heart, the Distinguished Flying Cross, and the Prisoner of War Medal;

Whereas Louis Zamperini was given the honor of carrying the Olympic flame in 1984, 1996, and 1998;

Whereas in the years after World War II, Louis Zamperini traveled as an inspirational public speaker, using his experiences to inspire a message of forgiveness;

Whereas the airport in Torrance, California, was named "Zamperini Field" in honor of Louis Zamperini; and

Whereas Louis Zamperini leaves a legacy as a national hero and an inspiration to future generations: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved*, That the Senate—

1           (1) honors the life, accomplishments, and legacy  
2 of Louis Zamperini;

3           (2) extends heartfelt sympathies and condo-  
4 lences to the family of Louis Zamperini; and

5           (3) requests the President to identify an appro-  
6 priate and lasting program of the United States  
7 Government to honor the legacy of Louis Zamperini.

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