

113TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. RES. 94

Recognizing the 50th anniversary of the sinking of U.S.S. *Thresher* (SSN 593).

---

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 9, 2013

Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. KING)  
submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

---

## RESOLUTION

Recognizing the 50th anniversary of the sinking of U.S.S.  
*Thresher* (SSN 593).

Whereas U.S.S. *Thresher* was first launched at Portsmouth  
Naval Shipyard on July 9, 1960;

Whereas U.S.S. *Thresher* departed Portsmouth Naval Ship-  
yard for her final voyage on April 9, 1963, with a crew  
of 16 officers, 96 sailors, and 17 civilians;

Whereas the mix of that crew reflects the unity of the naval  
submarine service, military and civilian, in the protection  
of the United States;

Whereas at approximately 7:47 a.m. on April 10, 1963, while  
in communication with the surface ship U.S.S. *Skylark*,  
and approximately 220 miles off the coast of New Eng-  
land, U.S.S. *Thresher* began her final descent;

Whereas U.S.S. *Thresher* was declared lost with all hands on April 10, 1963;

Whereas in response to the loss of U.S.S. *Thresher*, the United States Navy instituted new regulations to ensure the health of the submariners and the safety of the submarines of the United States;

Whereas those regulations led to the establishment of the Submarine Safety and Quality Assurance program (SUBSAFE), now 1 of the most comprehensive military safety programs in the world;

Whereas SUBSAFE has kept the submariners of the United States safe at sea ever since as the strongest, safest submarine force in history;

Whereas, since the establishment of SUBSAFE, no SUBSAFE-certified submarine has been lost at sea, which is a legacy owed to the brave individuals who perished aboard U.S.S. *Thresher*;

Whereas from the loss of U.S.S. *Thresher*, there arose in the institutions of higher education in the United States the ocean engineering curricula that enables the preeminence of the United States in submarine warfare; and

Whereas the crew of U.S.S. *Thresher* demonstrated the “last full measure of devotion” in service to the United States, and this devotion characterizes the sacrifices of all submariners, past and present: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2                (1) recognizes the 50th anniversary of the sink-

3        ing of U.S.S. *Thresher*;

1           (2) remembers with profound sorrow the loss of  
2           U.S.S. *Thresher* and her gallant crew of sailors and  
3           civilians on April 10, 1963; and

4           (3) expresses its deepest gratitude to all subma-  
5           riners on “eternal patrol”, who are forever bound to-  
6           gether by dedicated and honorable service to the  
7           United States of America.

○