

No. R-146. House concurrent resolution honoring U.S. Navy Chief Petty Officers' century and a quarter of outstanding service to our nation.

(H.C.R.120)

Offered by: Representative Brownell of Pownal

Whereas, in the U.S. Navy, the title chief petty officer is associated with responsibilities and privileges no other armed force in the world grants enlisted personnel, and

Whereas, these responsibilities and privileges have no official standing, but they have existed for a century and a quarter, as past and present chiefs have accepted duties beyond the call of their official assignments, and

Whereas, the performance and service of these special enlisted men and women demand the respect of naval personnel above and below their rank, as the chiefs have routinely sought greater challenges and assumed more responsibility than is required, and

Whereas, the tradition of devotion and dedication that chief petty officers have established, in combination with their sacrifice and valor, impresses today's young U.S. Navy sailors, and

Whereas, today's chiefs are as committed to serving our nation as were their original predecessors in 1893, and these contemporary chief petty officers wear their U.S. Naval hat with pride, and

Whereas, April 1, 2019 marks 126 years since the U.S. Navy established the rank of chief petty officer, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors U.S. Navy Chief Petty Officers' century and a quarter of outstanding service to our nation, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Retired U.S. Chief Petty Officer Michael A. Walker in Pownal.