

SENATE RESOLUTION NO.129

Senator Bizon offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to urge the United States Department of Defense
2 to establish a policy to review, and change as necessary, the names
3 of military installations and ships every 20 years.

4 Whereas, The United States military has over 400 military
5 installations in the U.S. and more than 490 ships, many named after
6 individuals; and

7 Whereas, Military installations and ships are often named
8 after people who can serve as an inspiration to other military
9 personnel. The U.S. Army's current naming policy, for instance,
10 provides that army bases should be named after individuals who have
11 distinguished themselves and can serve as inspirations to many
12 different people including officers, engineers, soldiers, and
13 others; and

14 Whereas, How a person's individual achievements are viewed can

1 evolve over time. A name that is appropriate for a specific
2 military installation or ship at one time, may not be appropriate
3 in years to come. Establishing a policy to review names on a
4 regular basis and suggest new honors provides the military
5 flexibility to ensure that a military installation or ship bears
6 the name of the most appropriate individual, while offering regular
7 opportunities to honor other worthy people; now, therefore, be it

8 Resolved by the Senate, That we urge the United States
9 Department of Defense to establish a policy to review, and change
10 as necessary, the names of military installations and ships every
11 20 years; and be it further

12 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
13 United States Secretary of Defense.

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