

State of New Jersey



THE SENATE STATE HOUSE, TRENTON, N. J.

SENATE RESOLUTION By Senator CONNORS

WHEREAS, April 28, 1989, marks the forty-fifth anniversary of "Exercise Tiger," one of World War II's most tragic, historic, and forgotten naval battles that, though planned as a practice mission for the D-Day Invasion of the Normandy coast, resulted in the highest casualty toll of the war to that point for the American forces; and,

WHEREAS, The unexpected and overwhelming attack of enemy ships on the minimally prepared and unescorted group of LSTs in the early hours of April 28, 1944, ended in the death of 749 United States soldiers and 187 sailors and the injury of hundreds, but provided valuable lessons that contributed to the success of the historic D-Day Invasion and thus to the outcome of World War II; and,

WHEREAS, Among the sailors who were wounded in "the night of the Bloody Tiger" was Trenton native Walter Domanski, a U. S. Navy veteran who in 1987 helped to publicize that important and historic event and who died at the age of 67 on October 28, 1988; and,

WHEREAS, The forty-fifth anniversary of "Exercise Tiger" will be observed by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3729 in a special commemorative ceremony, which is believed to be America's only formal memorial service for that important battle and those who lost their lives in it; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of New Jersey:

That this House hereby joins in paying tribute to the memory of the many American soldiers and sailors who were wounded or who lost their lives on April 28, 1944, during "Exercise Tiger," and commends V.F.W. Post 3729 for its patriotic actions exemplified by its hosting of special ceremonies in memory of America's heroes of World War II; and,

Be It Further Resolved, That a duly authenticated copy of this resolution be signed by the President and attested by the Secretary.

John F. Russo
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President of the Senate.

Attest:

J. J. McLaughlin
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Secretary of the Senate.