

By Ms. Melconian, a petition (accompanied by resolutions, Senate, No. 1365) of Linda J. Melconian for the adoption of resolutions remembering and honoring destroyer escort ships, and the men who served on them. Federal Financial Assistance.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-One.

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### RESOLUTIONS REMEMBERING AND HONORING DESTROYER ESCORT SHIPS, AND THE MEN WHO SERVED ON THEM.

1     *Whereas*, The annals of United States naval history  
2 acknowledge destroyer escort ships for winning the "Battle of the  
3 Atlantic", and making a significant contribution to the naval war  
4 in the Pacific in World War II; and

5     *Whereas*, Many of these ships were recommissioned, refitted,  
6 and many were redesigned as high speed transports for men and  
7 equipment as APD's, and eighty-four of them were delivered to  
8 the United Kingdom and France during World War II, under the  
9 lend-lease program; and

10    *Whereas*, Several destroyer escorts saw service during the  
11 Korean War and the very early years of the Vietnam War, and  
12 ninety-three of these ships were transferred to eighteen countries  
13 throughout the world from nineteen hundred and forty-six to  
14 nineteen hundred and sixty-seven, and are now nonexistent, but  
15 the record of their service, and their specially trained crews,  
16 sinking of German and Japanese submarines, fleet service at  
17 Normandy, the Mediterranean, Samar and Okinawa, and in every  
18 theatre of operations, shall forever be remembered; and

19    *Whereas*, A total of five hundred and sixty-three specially  
20 designed ships, manned by sailors of the United States Navy and  
21 Coast Guard, as well as foreign countries, were built at the Boston  
22 Navy Yard, where the very first one was built, and the Bethlehem-  
23 Hingham, and Bethlehem-Quincy Ship Yards; now therefore be  
24 it

25 *Resolved*, That the General Court calls upon all citizens in  
26 remembering and honoring these proud ships and the men who  
27 served on them; and be it further

28 *Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted  
29 forthwith by the clerk of the Senate to the commandant of the  
30 First Naval District and to the president of the Destroyer-Escort  
31 Sailors Association, Inc.