

## House Resolution No. 2187

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives occasionally pause in their diverse legislative endeavors in order to express the gratitude, respect, and appreciation of the entire Show-Me State for those individuals who proudly have answered the patriotic call to national service through their enlistment in the various branches that make up the United States armed forces; and

**Whereas**, from October 2 through October 6, 2007, the sailors and officers who served aboard DD 605, the USS Caldwell, will meet at the Elms Resort and Spa in Excelsior Springs, Missouri, to hold their Ninth Reunion; and

**Whereas**, the USS Caldwell was launched in February 1942 and commissioned in June 1942 before serving during World War II in the South Pacific, Aleutians, Gilbert Islands, Marshall Islands, New Guinea, Philippine, and Borneo campaigns; and

**Whereas**, the USS Caldwell was struck by a Kamikaze plane on December 12, 1944, while escorting landing craft to Ormoc Bay on the island of Leyte in the Philippines, after which time she was bombed twice; and

**Whereas**, in June 1945 the USS Caldwell hit a mine in Brunie Bay on the island of Borneo and then was attacked by a suicide boat the next night; and

**Whereas**, during her long, illustrious service in the United States Navy during World War II, the USS Caldwell earned eight Battle Stars; and

**Whereas**, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives should acknowledge the exemplary contributions so generously given by the sailors and officers of the USS Caldwell, which helped ensure that good triumphed over evil and that the foundations of democracy and freedom were secured by America's greatest generation:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to salute the officers and sailors who served aboard the USS Caldwell and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for a highly successful Ninth Reunion at the Elms Resort and Spa in Excelsior Springs, Missouri, from October 2 through October 6, 2007; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the USS Caldwell reunion of 2007.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Tim Flook  
District No. 34

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2187, adopted April 17, 2007.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker