



## H.RES. 1241 – CONGRATULATING ENSIGN DECAROL DAVIS UPON SERVING AS THE VALEDICTORIAN OF THE COAST GUARD ACADEMY'S CLASS OF 2008 AND BECOMING THE FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN FEMALE TO EARN THIS HONOR

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### FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res. 1241 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Bennie Thompson (D-MS) on June 4, 2008. The resolution was referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, but was never considered.

H.Res. 1241 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on July 22, 2008.

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### SUMMARY

H.Res. 1241 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- Congratulates Ensign DeCarol Davis for becoming the first African-American female to serve as the valedictorian of the Coast Guard Academy; and
- Encourages the Coast Guard Academy to seek diverse candidates for the cadet corps and to continue to train and graduate cadets of a quality that the Coast Guard needs to fulfill all its homeland and non-homeland security missions.

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### BACKGROUND

Ensign DeCarol Davis of Woodbridge, Virginia, graduated as the valedictorian of the Coast Guard Academy class of 2008, which consisted of over 200 cadets. This marks the first time that an African-American female has achieved this distinction. Ensign Davis' other achievements include selection as a 2007 Truman Scholar, a 2008 Connecticut Technology Council Women of Innovation Award recipient, a 2006 Arthur Ashe, Jr. Women's Basketball First Team Sports Scholar, and 2007 ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District I College Women's Basketball First Team selection.

The Coast Guard Academy has several academic departments in which courses are offered, including engineering, science, mathematics, humanities, and homeland security. Majors offered at the Coast Guard Academy include Engineering, Government, Management, Marine and Environmental Sciences, and Operations Research Computer Analysis.

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