



## H.Res. 1248 – Recognizing the service of the USS Farenholt and her men who served our Nation with valor and bravery in the South Pacific during World War II

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### FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res.1248 is being considered on the House floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Brad Ellsworth (D-IN) on June 5, 2008. It was referred to the House Committee on Armed Services, but was never considered.

H.Res.1248 is expected to be considered on the House floor on July 30, 2008.

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### SUMMARY

H.Res.1248 expresses a sense of Congress that the House:

- Recognizes the courageous men who served aboard the USS Farenholt in the South Pacific during World War II who protected America and its freedom;
- Recognizes the contributions of the USS Farenholt; and
- Commends the honorable men who served aboard the USS Farenholt, for their selfless service to the Nation.

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### BACKGROUND

The USS Farenholt was launched on November 19, 1941, by Bethlehem Steel Company in Staten Island, New York. It was commissioned on April 2, 1942, at the Brooklyn Navy Yard and sailed for the Pacific on July 1, 1942.

The Farenholt rescued 143 survivors following the attack on the USS Wasp which was attacked and sunk by 2 enemy submarines. The Farenholt sunk an enemy destroyer in the Battle of Cape Esperance on October 11, 1942. During many of the ship's battles, the crew worked diligently to keep the USS Farenholt afloat despite taking on heavy damage.

The ship's crew received a total of 2 Navy Crosses 2, Silver Stars, 5 Bronze Medals, 8 Letters of Commendation and approximately 46 Purple Hearts.

The spouses, widows and children of the men who served on the USS Farenholt will gather in Santa Clara, CA on September 17-September 21, 2008 to celebrate their 17<sup>th</sup> reunion.

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