

House Resolution 840

By: Representatives Belton of the 112th, Jackson of the 128th, Holcomb of the 81st, Hitchens of the 161st, Nix of the 69th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of LCDR David Calvin Belton Sr., United States Navy
2 (retired); and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
4 with the passing of LCDR David Calvin Belton Sr. on February 17, 2022; and

5 WHEREAS, LCDR David Calvin Belton Sr. was born on November 19, 1938, in
6 Cut-and-Shoot, Texas, a beloved son of Delmer and Gladys Belton; and

7 WHEREAS, although not one of his family members ever attended college, LCDR Belton
8 was accepted to the United States Naval Academy, where he graduated in 1962 with a
9 bachelor's degree in science; and

10 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
11 States Navy, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans during the Vietnam
12 War as a submarine officer who served on the *USS Perch*, *USS Harder*, and *USS Corporal*;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, LCDR Belton navigated his World War II class submarine up Vietnamese
15 rivers, infiltrating deep behind enemy lines to insert and recover Special Operations forces;
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17 WHEREAS, he retired honorably from the United States Navy at COMINWARCOM at
18 Charleston Naval Base after 20 years of faithful service, yet he continued to serve his country
19 as a NATO consultant for another 14 years; and

20 WHEREAS, he was honored by the great state of Texas, which designated him an admiral
21 of the Texas navy for his many years of faithful service; and

22 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage for 59 years to his wife, Marcella, and they
23 were blessed with five remarkable children, David, James, Noble, Susan, and Lisa, as well
24 as five outstanding grandchildren, Constance, Daniela, Caitlin, Calvin, and David; and

25 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, LCDR Belton will long be remembered,
26 especially on Wadmalaw Island, South Carolina, for his love of family and friendship, and
27 he will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of LCDR David Calvin
30 Belton Sr. and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
32 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
33 family of LCDR David Calvin Belton Sr.