



Legislation Text

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United States Naval Academy - For the purpose of commemorating the United States Naval Academy's 175th Anniversary of its founding.

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE
City of Annapolis**

Resolution 57-20

Introduced by: Alderman Paone

Co-sponsored by:

A **RESOLUTION** concerning

United States Naval Academy

FOR the purpose of commemorating the United States Naval Academy's 175th Anniversary of its founding.

WHEREAS, this year commemorates 175 years of leadership, service, and tradition at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland; and

WHEREAS, on October 10, 1845, “The Naval School” was established by then-Secretary of the Navy George Bancroft on a 10-acre Army post in Annapolis called Fort Severn. There were initially only 50 students and seven faculty members, and the curriculum included mathematics and navigation, gunnery and steam propulsion, chemistry, English, natural philosophy, and French; and

WHEREAS, in 1850 “The Naval School” became the United States Naval Academy and a new curriculum went into effect requiring midshipmen to study at the Academy for four years and to train aboard ships each summer; and

WHEREAS, as the U.S. Navy grew over the years, the United States Naval Academy expanded from a campus of 10 acres to 338 acres, the original student body of 50 midshipmen grew to a brigade size of nearly 4,400, the initial seven member faculty grew to more than 1,200 faculty, staff, and coaches, and modern granite buildings replaced the old wooden structures of Fort Severn; and

WHEREAS, the development of the United States Naval Academy has reflected the history of the country; as America has changed culturally and technologically so has the Naval Academy. In 1949, Wesley A. Brown became the first African-American graduate, the class of 1980 was the first class to graduate women, and the class of 2023 included 312 women (26%) and a total of 471 minority midshipmen (40%) on Induction Day; and

WHEREAS, today, the United States Naval Academy offers midshipmen state-of-the-art academic and

professional training in subjects such as cyber security, seamanship and navigation tactics, naval engineering, naval weapons, leadership, ethics and military law, and small arms and drill; and

WHEREAS, over the years the United States Naval Academy has forged a phenomenal relationship with its surrounding community and the City of Annapolis is proud to join in this opportunity to congratulate the Academy and its midshipmen on this landmark occasion.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL that the City of Annapolis joins in commemorating the 175-year history of the United States Naval Academy.

EXPLANATION

Underlining indicates matter added.

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