

Sample Resolution

Whereas, Admiral Husband E. Kimmel and General Walter C. Short were the Commanders of record for the Navy and Army forces at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii on December 7, 1941 when the Japanese Imperial Navy launched its attack; and

Whereas, following the attack President Franklin D. Roosevelt appointed a Commission, Chaired by Supreme Court Justice Owen J. Roberts, to determine whether there had been any derelictions or errors of judgment by army or navy personnel in connection with the attack; and

Whereas, the Roberts Commission conducted a 36-day investigation and reported that Admiral Kimmel and General Short had been guilty of dereliction of duty and were solely responsible for the success of the attack; and,

Whereas, these findings were broadcast to all the world 47 days after the attack and ruined the reputations and honor of these two officers; and,

Whereas, since that time there have been eight investigations of the circumstances leading up to the attack which concluded there had been no derelictions of duty by these two officers and that they were not solely responsible for the success of the attack; and

Whereas, the Congress of the United States in the year 2000, when it enacted the Defense Authorization Act for 2001, included provisions which recited that these two officers had performed their duties competently and professionally and requested that the President of the United States nominate them posthumously to their highest World War II ranks of admiral and lieutenant general on the list of retired officers of their respective services ; and

Whereas, the President has not yet honored the Congressional request that he posthumously nominate these officers to the highest ranks in which they served in World War II;

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved by Name of Organization that it urges the President of the United States to restore the honor and reputations of Admiral Husband Kimmel and Lieutenant General Walter C. Short by nominating them posthumously for retirement at the highest ranks in which they served in World War II, admiral and lieutenant general, of their respective services.

Unanimously Adopted, date, at location [Signature]

Secretary or President or some authenticating officer
