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Joint resolutions tendering the thanks of the State of Maryland to Commander Dennis W. Mullan, United States Navy, and authorizing the governor to procure and present to him, as a testimonial, a gold chronometer watch suitably inscribed.

WHEREAS, Commander Dennis W. Mullan, U. S. Navy, a native of this State, commanded the United States warship "Nipsic," during a critical period when confronted by a superior foreign naval force, and discharged with heroism and ability the delicate diplomatic duties that devolved upon him as a naval commander, by resisting the imperious demands made upon him by the commander of said naval force to surrender an American citizen then under his protection on board of his said ship, and in vindicating American rights by preventing an attempt by a foreign power to search American vessels in the South Pacific ocean; and

Preamble

WHEREAS, Commander Dennis W. Mullan also commanded said ship during the destructive and memorable hurricane in Samoan waters, South Pacific ocean, in March, eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, and with heroic bravery and nautical skill saved his ship during said hurricane; and

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WHEREAS, all of said services were perilous, demanding skill, courage and ability as a naval commander, and said acts reflect credit upon the American navy and upon his native State; therefore,

Preamble

*Be it resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the thanks of the State of Maryland be and they are hereby tendered to Commander Dennis W. Mullan for his unflinching courage and gallant achievements in vindicating the rights of American citizens and of American vessels in foreign waters, and for his bravery and nautical ability, in saving his ship during the destructive hurricane in Samoan waters.

Thanks.

*Resolved,* That as a testimonial of the skilful, able and courageous manner in which Commander Dennis W. Mullan protected and vindicated American rights, and the bravery and nautical ability shown by him during the hurricane in Samoan waters, the Governor of this State be and he is hereby authorized and directed to procure and present to Commander Dennis W. Mullan, U. S. N., a gold chronometer watch, with an inscription as follows, to wit: "The State of Maryland to Commander Dennis W. Mullan, U. S. N., for his heroism and gallant services in protecting and vindicating American rights, and for the bravery and nautical ability shown by him during the hurricane of eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, in Samoan waters, South Pacific ocean."

Testimonial.