

2020 SPECIAL SESSION I

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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 541

Commending Strike Fighter Squadron 213.

Agreed to by the Senate, September 15, 2020

WHEREAS, Strike Fighter Squadron 213, a fighter attack squadron of the United States Navy, commemorated the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II with a ceremonial flyover on September 2, 2020; and

WHEREAS, stationed at Naval Air Station Oceana in Virginia Beach, the "Fighting Blacklions" of Strike Fighter Squadron 213 flew over the USS *Wisconsin* in Norfolk at 9:08 a.m., the precise time 75 years ago that Japanese officials signed the documents of surrender that ended World War II; and

WHEREAS, the USS *Wisconsin* that Strike Fighter Squadron 213 flew over is a sister ship of the USS *Missouri* that Japanese officials boarded in 1945 to formally surrender to U.S. General Douglas MacArthur; and

WHEREAS, to execute the flyover, Strike Fighter Squadron 213 deployed two F/A-18F Super Hornets, creating a distinguished and inspirational spectacle for all in attendance to enjoy; and

WHEREAS, the Strike Fighter Squadron 213's flyover highlighted a celebratory event organized by the General Assembly's Virginia World War I and World War II Commemoration Commission, which has been organizing events to honor veterans for the past several years; and

WHEREAS, Strike Fighter Squadron 213 provided a fitting and memorable conclusion to the Commonwealth's official series of events honoring the 100th anniversary of World War I and the 75th anniversary of World War II; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That Strike Fighter Squadron 213, a fighter attack squadron of the United States Navy, hereby be commended for their ceremonial flyover commemorating the end of World War II; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Commander Leslie A. Mintz, commanding officer of Strike Fighter Squadron 213, as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's admiration for the squadron's service on behalf of the Commonwealth and the country.

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