

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

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Honoring the crew members of the B-24 Liberator *Star Valley* who sacrificed their lives and their freedom on a mission over the Tours Parçay-Meslay airfield on February 5, 1944.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Ms. LUMMIS submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Honoring the crew members of the B-24 Liberator *Star Valley* who sacrificed their lives and their freedom on a mission over the Tours Parçay-Meslay airfield on February 5, 1944.

Whereas the B-24 Liberator *Star Valley* was named in honor of Sergeant Wilford T. Heninger of Afton, Wyoming, who died in a training mission in Wendover, Utah, on September 21, 1943;

Whereas the 10-man crew of the *Star Valley* of the 44th Bomb Group, 68th Bomber Squadron of the Air Force set out on February 5, 1944, on a mission over the Tours Parçay-Meslay airfield before being intercepted by enemy aircraft;

Whereas First Lieutenant Carl A. Bohnisch of Lindsay, California, First Lieutenant John S. Giffin of Schenectady, New York, First Lieutenant Hubert J. Ede of Louisville, Kentucky, Second Lieutenant Harold W. Spink of Lincoln, Nebraska, Technical Sergeant William F. Leverich of Kansas City, Missouri, Technical Sergeant Bernard A. Ohler of Baltimore, Maryland, Staff Sergeant Eugene C. Edgerton of Andover, Connecticut, Staff Sergeant Kenneth E. Hall of Haverhill, Massachusetts, and Staff Sergeant Joseph E. Morin of Easthampton, Massachusetts, made the ultimate sacrifice during the mission;

Whereas Staff Sergeant Warren E. Klein of Detroit, Michigan, survived the mission and served as a prisoner of war until liberation in 1945; and

Whereas the people of the village of Saint Léonard-en-Beauce honor the sacrifice of the crew of the *Star Valley* each year in a Liberation Day Ceremony on May 8: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

2 (1) the crew of the *Star Valley* served the
3 United States with honor and distinction and rep-
4 resents the very best of the United States; and

5 (2) the United States honors the brave mem-
6 bers of the United States Army Air Corps and their
7 families and will never forget the services such mem-
8 bers rendered and the sacrifices they made in de-
9 fense of the United States.