

## House Resolution 344

By: Representatives Frazier of the 126<sup>th</sup>, Scott of the 76<sup>th</sup>, Abrams of the 89<sup>th</sup>, Williams of the 168<sup>th</sup>, and Jackson of the 128<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Master Chief Petty Officer Stephanie L. Edwards for her  
2 faithful service to the United States Navy; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on the brave and dedicated military  
4 heroes who stand ever ready to lay the ultimate sacrifice upon the altar of freedom; and

5 WHEREAS, she serves as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United  
6 States Navy, valiantly and courageously protecting her fellow Americans; and

7 WHEREAS, she began her career in 1994, working as a main space supervisor and main  
8 propulsion control supervisor aboard the USS *Merrimack*, the first female on board to receive  
9 such qualification, then as a Navy recruiter until 2002, in April of 2010, she returned to sea  
10 duty for two different deployments working on the Cryptologic Direct Support Element  
11 Team and received accolades from the cryptologic community for her work; and

12 WHEREAS, Master Chief Edwards's awards include two Joint Service Commendation  
13 medals, two Navy and Marine Corps Commendation medals, and five Navy and Marine  
14 Corps Achievement medals; and

15 WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on the brave and dedicated military  
16 heroes who stand ever ready to lay the ultimate sacrifice upon the altar of freedom; and

17 WHEREAS, the selfless and heroic actions of Master Chief Petty Officer Stephanie L.  
18 Edwards stand as a shining tribute to the strength of human spirit and willpower, and it is  
19 abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this remarkable and  
20 distinguished American be recognized appropriately.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
22 the members of this body recognize and commend Master Chief Petty Officer Stephanie L.

23 Edwards for her efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated service in the United States  
24 Navy.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
26 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
27 Master Chief Petty Officer Stephanie L. Edwards.