



February 1, 2012

Mr. Jeff West
Homeland Security Policy Institute Group
2035 Philippe Pkwy Area 51
Safety Harbor, FL 34695

Dear Mr. West,

On Behalf of the more than two million members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW) and our Auxiliaries, I am pleased to offer our support for H. Con. Res. 87. The VFW believes an appropriate site at the former Navy Diving Training School at the Washington Navy Yard should be provided for a monument to honor those who served as divers in the United States Armed Forces.

The Man in the Sea Memorial Monument would be a befitting tribute to the sacrifice and dedication given by these servicemembers. From the early 20th century to the most recent military conflicts, during peacetime and war, divers from the Navy, Army, Marines, Air Force, and Coast Guard have significantly contributed to our military's underwater capabilities and the overall defense of our nation. Their bravery and skill during missions ranging from covert, to repair and salvage, to humanitarian efforts, deserve to be remembered and recognized by a grateful nation.

The VFW looks forward to the passage of this resolution. We applaud your efforts, and look forward to working with you again in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ray C. Kelley".

Raymond C. Kelley
Director, National Legislative Service