

Senator Green offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 173.

A resolution recognizing the retirement of Chief Petty Officer Jason R. Betzing after twenty years of service to the United States Coast Guard.

Whereas, Chief Petty Officer Jason R. Betzing is retiring after twenty years of service in the United States Coast Guard; and

Whereas, That service included qualifying as a chief machinery technician in an outstanding manner; and

Whereas, His service included serving on the USCGC Neah Bay on the deck department from 1994 to 1995; engine room of the USCGC Mohawk as part of the main propulsion division from 1995 to 1996; Naval Engineering Support Unit at Portsmouth, VA, in the engine lab from 1996 to 1998; on the USCGC Diligence in the main propulsion division from 1998 to 2000; engineering cable boat, Sault Ste. Marie, MI, as engineering petty officer from 2000 to 2003; USCGC Buckhorn in the main propulsion division from 2003 to 2005; aboard the USCGC Mobile Bay in propulsion, including housing officer, morale officer, and critical incident stress management peer from 2005 to 2008; at USCGC Jefferson Island as engineering petty officer, command chief, and critical incident stress management peer from 2008 to 2010; and USCG Sector field office, Grand Haven, MI, as Ready for Operations inspector, education services officer, and critical incident stress management peer from 2010 to 2014; and

Whereas, Chief Petty Officer Betzing has earned numerous awards for outstanding service, including attaining the highest academic average in recruit training; Coast Guard Achievement Medal; Coast Guard Meritorious Team Commendations for enhancement of firefighting capabilities on board the USCGC Jefferson Bay, exceptionally meritorious service while serving on the Alien Migration Interdiction Team in 1999, Ghost Ship Team while on board the USCGC Mobile Bay, and for actions in saving a sinking powerboat while serving on the Mobile Bay; named Sailor of the Quarter while serving aboard the Diligence; Transportation 9-11 Ribbon for meritorious service in the wake of the World Trade Center bombing; and many other awards and decorations; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we highly commend and thank native Michigander Chief Petty Officer Jason R. Betzing for his bravery and valor in service to his country for twenty years as a member in the United States Coast Guard. We offer our congratulations and best wishes to Chief Petty Officer Betzing on his much-deserved retirement.