

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119-8
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At the end of subtitle B of title X, insert the following new section:

1 SEC. 10 ____ . SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING NAMING OF
2 NAVAL VESSEL FOR ADMIRAL ALENE DUERK.

3 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that the Secretary of the Navy should name a vessel of the United States Navy the “U.S.S. Admiral Alene Duerk” in honor of Admiral Alene Duerk, for the acts of valor described in subsection (b).

8 (b) ACTS OF VALOR DESCRIBED.—The acts of valor described in this subsection are the actions of Alene Duerk, as a member of the United States Navy, as follows:

11 (1) Following Admiral Duerk’s birth in Defiance, Ohio and graduation from Toledo Hospital School of Nursing, she received a commission on January 23, 1943, and was appointed as an ensign in the Nurse Corps of the U.S. Naval Reserve.

16 (2) During World War II, she was assigned as a Ward Nurse at the Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, Portsmouth, Virginia, and at the Naval Hospital, Bethesda Maryland where she cared for

1 wounded members of the United States Armed
2 Forces. In 1945, she was stationed on the USS Be-
3 nevolence in the Pacific Theater (AH-13) where she
4 treated casualties from Third Fleet operations until
5 the end of the war.

6 (3) After the war, she progressed in rank and
7 served in positions of increasing responsibility in
8 both the Navy Reserves and Active Duty including
9 posts in Michigan, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Illinois,
10 the Philippines, Japan, California, and Washington,
11 D.C. Her dedication and inspirational service cul-
12 minated with her historic selection for the rank of
13 Rear Admiral on April 16, 1972, as the first woman
14 to become a flag officer.

15 (4) Rear Admiral Duerk was awarded the
16 Naval Reserve Medal, American Campaign Medal,
17 the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with Bronze
18 Star, the World War II Victory Medal, the Navy Oc-
19 cupation Service Medal, Asia Clasp, and the Na-
20 tional Defense Service Medal with Bronze Star.

