

Senator O'Brien offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 176.

A resolution recognizing the life and achievements of United States Senator John McCain.

Whereas, It is with great sadness that we learned of the passing of U.S. Senator John McCain on August 25, 2018 at the age of 81; and

Whereas, John Sydney McCain III was born in 1936 and spent his entire career in public service; and

Whereas, U.S. Senator John McCain graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1958 and became a naval aviator, flying ground attack aircraft; and

Whereas, McCain served in the Vietnam War as a bomber pilot. He was shot down in October 1967 and was subsequently captured and held as a prisoner of war (POW) by the North Vietnamese for 5 1/2 years; and

Whereas, U.S. Senator John McCain had the opportunity to be released from captivity early because his father was promoted to be the Commander of U.S. Forces in the Pacific. However, he displayed true courage and heroism by honoring the POW code of conduct and refused to be released before others who were captured before him; and

Whereas, He retired from the Navy in 1981 and was elected to the United States House of Representatives from Arizona in 1982. McCain served on the House Committee on Interior Affairs as well as the House Foreign Affairs Committee before being elected to the United States Senate in 1986; and

Whereas, U.S. Senator John McCain was at the center of many important political issues during his time in the Senate. He helped the U.S. to normalize diplomatic relations with Vietnam in the 1990s and fought against pork barrel spending by members of Congress; and

Whereas, McCain ran for President of the United States twice, in 2000 and again in 2008. While he never was elected president, his campaigns both exemplified his commitment to service and putting his country first; and

Whereas, U.S. Senator John McCain's professional career set a standard for service and dignity that we should all strive to achieve; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body recognize the lifetime of service and achievements United States Senator John McCain exemplified.