

1 A MEMORIAL

2 RECOGNIZING THE SUBMARINE USS *ALBUQUERQUE* AND HER
3 THIRTY-THREE YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE UNITED
4 STATES AND ITS NAVY.

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6 WHEREAS, the USS *Albuquerque* (SSN-706) is a
7 Los Angeles-class, nuclear-powered, fast-attack submarine
8 named after the city of Albuquerque, New Mexico; and

9 WHEREAS, during her service life, the USS *Albuquerque*
10 steamed well over one-half million miles, made well over one
11 thousand dives, made goodwill port calls in eighteen
12 countries and completed over fifteen overseas deployments,
13 ranging from three to seven months in duration, from the
14 north Atlantic to the Mediterranean to the Arabian sea to
15 the west Pacific; and

16 WHEREAS, since commissioning on May 21, 1983, a total
17 of thirteen commanding officers guided the USS *Albuquerque*
18 through her thirty-three years of active duty; and

19 WHEREAS, the USS *Albuquerque* is known as the
20 "Sure Shooter of the Submarine Force", having established
21 the best hit rate by firing ten tomahawk missiles at targets
22 in Serb-controlled Yugoslavia in May 1999; and

23 WHEREAS, the USS *Albuquerque* is one of the very first
24 nuclear-powered attack submarines to earn the distinction of
25 combat veteran; and

1 WHEREAS, the submarine has brought great pride to the
2 city of Albuquerque through her participation in operation
3 Iraqi freedom and her distinguished service in the global
4 war on terrorism; and

5 WHEREAS, the USS *Albuquerque* has completed several
6 highly classified missions that not all United States
7 submarines can perform; and

8 WHEREAS, the USS *Albuquerque* has won four annual battle
9 efficiency "E" awards for the most proficient submarine crew
10 in her squadron, plus three meritorious unit commendations
11 and a navy unit commendation in recognition of sustained
12 superior technical performance and continual combat
13 readiness; and

14 WHEREAS, her 2001-2003 refueling cycle was the fastest
15 ever at twenty months and the least expensive, saving nearly
16 twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000), both while setting new
17 safety and training records, followed by the best
18 post-overhaul performance and the most successful ever
19 combat systems modernization; and

20 WHEREAS, during an around-the-world deployment in
21 August 2009 that included changing her home port from
22 Groton, Connecticut, to San Diego, California, the USS
23 *Albuquerque* became the submarine that completed the navy's
24 split of submarine force assets, sixty percent in the
25 Pacific, forty percent in the Atlantic; and

1 WHEREAS, the submarine has enjoyed an active,
2 long-standing, mutually beneficial relationship with its
3 namesake city, with continuous support for the officers and
4 crew by the greater Albuquerque chamber of commerce and the
5 navy league New Mexico council; and

6 WHEREAS, a community initiative has begun to acquire
7 the submarine sail as the centerpiece for a planned USS
8 *Albuquerque* memorial after decommissioning, scheduled for
9 late 2015;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
11 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that sincere gratitude be expressed to
12 the hundreds of submariners who have served with pride and
13 distinction aboard the USS *Albuquerque* during the past
14 thirty-three years; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial
16 be transmitted to the commanding officer of the USS
17 *Albuquerque*.
