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SENATE MEMORIAL 25

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A MEMORIAL

CALLING UPON THE SENATE TO SALUTE THE OFFICERS AND CREW OF THE
USS *NEW MEXICO*, TO COMMEND THE DEDICATION AND DILIGENCE OF THE
HOME STATE SUPPORT TEAM AND TO HONOR THE UNITED STATES NAVAL
SUBMARINE FORCE IN SECURING AND MAINTAINING UNDERSEA SUPREMACY
FOR THE UNITED STATES.

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2010, the nuclear-powered submarine
USS *New Mexico* was commissioned into the fleet as a key sea
power resource in executing the United States navy's core
missions, in deterring those who seek to engage the United
States in war, in safeguarding the United States' democratic
freedoms and in ensuring the nation's economic well-being by
protecting United States interests throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, with the best-trained submarine crew and the
installation of the latest systems to support undersea warfare

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1 and special operations, the USS *New Mexico* is the platform of
2 choice in meeting combat requirements; and

3 WHEREAS, New Mexico is most grateful to have been honored
4 by a second namesake warship to continue the legacy left by our
5 great battleship, the USS *New Mexico*, now featured in a USS *New*
6 *Mexico* exhibit at the New Mexico history museum in Santa Fe;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, naming a submarine "USS *New Mexico*" is a tribute
9 to all New Mexicans who have served, or are serving, in the
10 armed forces of the United States; and

11 WHEREAS, through the navy league of the United States' New
12 Mexico council and the Albuquerque Hispano chamber of commerce,
13 officers and crew of the USS *New Mexico* receive tremendous
14 support, including visits to the state, enhancements to onboard
15 living quarters, recognition of top sailors of the quarter and
16 of the year and statewide publicity; and

17 WHEREAS, the commanding officer of the USS *New Mexico*,
18 Commander George Perez, Jr., has embraced a New Mexico theme in
19 the decor of the submarine crew's mess, known as "La Posta
20 Abajo del Mar" after the restaurant La Posta de Mesilla near
21 Las Cruces, New Mexico;

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
23 OF NEW MEXICO that it salute the officers and crew of the USS
24 *New Mexico*, commend the dedication and diligence of the home
25 state support team and honor the United States naval submarine

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1 force in securing and maintaining undersea supremacy for the
2 United States; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
4 transmitted to members of the New Mexico congressional
5 delegation; the United States navy commander, submarine force;
6 the commanding officer of the USS *New Mexico*; the secretary of
7 veterans' services; and the governor.