

1 A MEMORIAL

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

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

16 WHEREAS, with the best-trained submarine crew and the  
17 installation of the latest systems to support undersea  
18 warfare and special operations, the USS *New Mexico* is the  
19 platform of choice in meeting combat requirements; and

20 WHEREAS, New Mexico is most grateful to have been  
21 honored by a second namesake warship to continue the legacy  
22 left by our great battleship, the USS *New Mexico*, now  
23 featured in a USS *New Mexico* exhibit at the New Mexico  
24 history museum in Santa Fe; and

25 WHEREAS, naming a submarine "USS *New Mexico*" is a

1 tribute to all New Mexicans who have served, or are serving,  
2 in the armed forces of the United States; and

3 WHEREAS, through the navy league of the United States'  
4 New Mexico council and the Albuquerque Hispano chamber of  
5 commerce, officers and crew of the USS *New Mexico* receive  
6 tremendous support, including visits to the state,  
7 enhancements to onboard living quarters, recognition of top  
8 sailors of the quarter and of the year and statewide  
9 publicity; and

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

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE  
16 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that it salute the officers and crew of  
17 the USS *New Mexico*, commend the dedication and diligence of  
18 the home state support team and honor the United States naval  
19 submarine force in securing and maintaining undersea  
20 supremacy for the United States; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
22 transmitted to members of the New Mexico congressional  
23 delegation; the United States navy commander, submarine force;  
24 the commanding officer of the USS *New Mexico*; the secretary of  
25 veterans' services; and the governor. \_\_\_\_\_