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Introduced by

SENATOR WILLIAM H. PAYNE



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 the  
15 west Pacific; and

16 WHEREAS, since commissioning on May 21, 1983, a total of  
17 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 war  
4 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 combat  
19 systems modernization; and

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

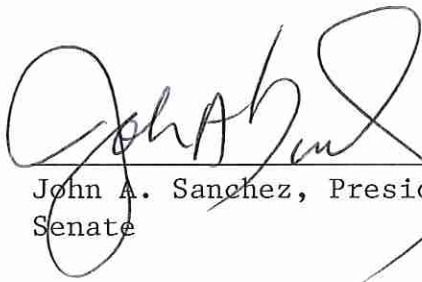
6           WHEREAS, a community initiative has begun to acquire  
7 the submarine sail as the centerpiece for a planned USS  
8 *Albuquerque* memorial after decommissioning, scheduled for  
9 late 2015;

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*.

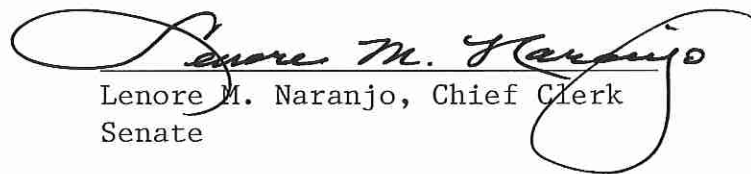
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