

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1020

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Urging the Secretary of the Navy to name the first of the fleet of new attack submarines of the Navy the "South Dakota."

WHEREAS, the battleship South Dakota (BB-57) was commissioned on March 20, 1942, and was originally scheduled to host the surrender of Japan at the end of World War II; and

WHEREAS, the battleship South Dakota (BB-57) quickly became the flagship of Admiral Chester W. Nimitz's 3rd Fleet and was renowned as the famous "Battleship X;" and

WHEREAS, the battleship South Dakota (BB-57) was one of the greatest and most decorated battleships of World War II, earning the Navy Unit Commendation, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with thirteen battle stars, the World War II Victory Medal, and the Navy Occupation Service Medal; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 1947, after only five years of service, the battleship South Dakota (BB-57) was decommissioned and placed in reserve; and

WHEREAS, during its five years of dutiful service, the crew of the battleship South Dakota (BB-57) demonstrated both dedication and courage in their efforts to preserve the security of the United States and protect the freedoms of all Americans; and

WHEREAS, it is entirely appropriate to have the first of the fleet of new attack submarines of the Navy named the "South Dakota" to honor the courage and commitment of the brave crew of the battleship South Dakota (BB-57) and to serve as a fitting tribute to one of America's truly great battleships:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the SEVENTY-FIFTH Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the Secretary of the Navy of the United States is urged to name the first of the fleet of new attack submarines of the Navy the "South Dakota."

Adopted by the House of Representatives,  
Concurred in by the Senate,

February 24, 2000  
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Roger Hunt  
Speaker of the House

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