

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 28

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A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF AND SUPPORTING THE COMMISSIONING OF THE USS BILLINGS, NAMED AFTER THE CITY OF BILLINGS.

WHEREAS, the City of Billings, Montana, will be one of five U.S. cities to have a new ship named after it, the first ship to bear the city's name; and

WHEREAS, the USS Billings (LCS-15) will be a Freedom class littoral combat ship or LCS, "littoral" referring to coastal or intertidal water, and will be a fast, agile combatant, providing the required war fighting capabilities and operational flexibility to execute focused missions close to the shore; and

WHEREAS, the USS Billings is currently under construction in Marinette, Wisconsin, and is expected to be ready for commissioning in 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

That we be supportive of all those who sail the USS Billings, for fair winds and following seas, during service to our nation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we be supportive of the establishment of the new connection and tradition that form a bond between a city and the sailors and marines who serve on the namesake ship, the USS Billings.

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