

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 29

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A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE USS MONTANA AND COMMENDING THE WORK OF MONTANANS IN THE SUPPORT FOR THE COMMISSIONING AND FOR ALL THOSE WHO SAIL HER.

WHEREAS, a new Virginia Class nuclear attack submarine (SSN 794) to be named the USS Montana is under construction for the United States Navy in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the USS Montana, with its leading-edge stealth and other technology, will be a key component of the U.S. Navy fleet, capable of a wide range of missions, and its commissioning as a member of the U.S. Navy fleet is expected in the year 2020; and

WHEREAS, the USS Montana will represent the strength and determination of our state as she sails the world's oceans; and

WHEREAS, this warship will continue and build upon the proud legacy of the first and only other operational USS Montana, an armored cruiser (ACR 13) commissioned in July of 1908 that served with distinction through and beyond World War I; and

WHEREAS, Montana citizens have created the USS Montana Committee, a Montana nonprofit corporation, to provide support for the commissioning of the USS Montana and for all those who sail her as they protect our nation; and

WHEREAS, the USS Montana Committee will continue to work to build and maintain a relationship between our state and the crew of our namesake warship and provide financial and other assistance to complement that which the U.S. Navy is able to provide; and

WHEREAS, all Montanans and all Americans will be proud of the future roles of the USS Montana and its crew members.

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

That we wish protection for all those who sail the USS Montana, for fair winds and following seas, during her service to our nation.



