LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

Sixty-sixth Legislature First Regular Session - 2021

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3

BY TRANSPORTATION AND DEFENSE COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND RECOGNIZING THE HISTORICAL IMPORTANCE OF THE COMMISSIONING OF THE 5TH UNITED STATES NAVY SHIP TO BE NAMED AFTER THE STATE OF IDAHO, THE USS IDAHO SSN-799.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

WHEREAS, a new Virginia Class nuclear attack submarine (SSN-799) named USS IDAHO is under construction for the United States Navy in Groton, Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, the USS IDAHO SSN-799, with its world class leading-edge stealth and other technology, will be a key component of the United States Naval Fleet, capable of a wide array of missions, with an expected commissioning date in 2022; and

WHEREAS, the USS IDAHO SSN-799 will represent the State of Idaho and the innovation of our citizens with our state motto on the ship's crest: Esto Perpetua (may she endure forever); and

WHEREAS, the USS IDAHO SSN-799 ship's moniker will be "The Gem of the Fleet" to further increase the knowledge bond between the ship's crew and the State of Idaho in representing our rich gemstone and mineral history, with Idaho being called the Gem State; and

WHEREAS, it has been more than 100 years since a ship of the line will have been named after the great State of Idaho; and

WHEREAS, this warship will continue to build upon the proud legacy of the previous four naval ships named USS IDAHO: Steam Sloop 1866-1873, Battleship BB24 1908-1914, Motorboat SP545 1917-1918, and Battleship BB42 1919-1946; and

WHEREAS, the USS IDAHO Commissioning Foundation will work to increase the knowledge of Idaho citizens and the crew of the USS IDAHO SSN-799 about Idaho's amazing naval history, from the second largest of seven naval boot camps during World War II to the first nuclear submarine prototype ever built at Arco Proving Grounds, as well as the United States submarine force's most important body of water -- Lake Pend Oreille; and

WHEREAS, all Idahoans and all Americans will be proud of the future role in protecting our nation provided by the USS IDAHO SSN-799 and her crew members.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Session of the Sixty-sixth Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and the Senate concurring therein, that the Idaho Legislature recognizes the profound historical significance of the naming of the USS IDAHO SSN-799 and that we wish protection for all those who will sail the USS IDAHO SSN-799 and for fair winds and following seas during her service to our nation. Godspeed.