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Commemorating the christening of the USNS Hershel “Woody” Williams.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. MANCHIN (for himself and Mrs. CAPITO) submitted the following
resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Commemorating the christening of the USNS Hershel
“Woody” Williams.

Whereas Chief Warrant Officer 4 Hershel Woodrow “Woody”
Williams of Fairmont, West Virginia, served in the Ma-
rine Corps for 17 years;

Whereas Hershel Woodrow “Woody” Williams served val-
iantly as a demolition sergeant with the 21st Marines, 3d
Marine Division, against enemy Japanese forces at the
Battle of Iwo Jima;

Whereas on October 5, 1945, Hershel Woodrow “Woody”
Williams received the Medal of Honor from President
Harry S. Truman for “valiant devotion to duty” at Iwo
Jima on February 23, 1945;

Whereas Hershel Woodrow “Woody” Williams is the sole surviving Marine veteran of World War II to wear the Medal of Honor;

Whereas on January 14, 2016, during a ceremony in Charleston, West Virginia, Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus announced that the Expeditionary Sea Base Ship T-ESB 4—the second of its kind—would be named United States Naval Ship (referred to in this preamble as “USNS”) Hershel “Woody” Williams;

Whereas on August 19, 2017, the United States Navy launched the USNS Hershel “Woody” Williams; and

Whereas on October 21, 2017, the USNS Hershel “Woody” Williams was christened in San Diego, California: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate commemorates the chris-
 2 tening of the United States Naval Ship Hershel “Woody”
 3 Williams and its mission to support mine counter-
 4 measures, counter-piracy operations, maritime security,
 5 and humanitarian and crisis response operations.

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