

115TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. RES. 389

Commemorating the commissioning of the USS Omaha.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 30, 2018

Mrs. FISCHER (for herself and Mr. SASSE) submitted the following resolution;  
which was considered and agreed to

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## RESOLUTION

Commemorating the commissioning of the USS Omaha.

Whereas the great city of Omaha, Nebraska, was founded on  
July 4, 1854;

Whereas the Lone Tree Ferry bringing pioneers across the  
Missouri River into Omaha caused Omaha to become  
known as the “Gateway to the West”;

Whereas Nebraska is the only triply landlocked State in the  
Union;

Whereas the first USS Omaha was a screw sloop launched  
in 1869, 2 years after Nebraska became a State on  
March 1, 1867;

Whereas the second USS Omaha (CL-4) was an Omaha  
class light cruiser commissioned on February 24, 1923;

Whereas the USS Omaha (CL-4) served in both the Pacific and Atlantic theaters and captured a German blockade runner a month before World War II officially began;

Whereas the Nebraska Admirals Association, formed in 1931, has had thousands of Admirals commissioned in the Nebraska Navy to promote “The Good Life”;

Whereas the Big Red Sub Club—

(1) was formed to support the crews of the USS Nebraska (SSBN-739); and

(2) is the most active State organization supporting the submarine fleet of the United States;

Whereas the Navy League of the United States, Nebraska Council, strongly supports a strong United States Navy for national security;

Whereas on June 11, 2012, Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus announced that an Independence class littoral combat ship would be named the United States Ship Omaha;

Whereas on November 20, 2015, the United States Navy launched the USS Omaha;

Whereas on December 19, 2015, the USS Omaha was christened in Mobile, Alabama, sponsored by Omaha philanthropist Susie Buffett; and

Whereas on February 3, 2018, the USS Omaha will be commissioned: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate commemorates—

2               (1) the commissioning of the United States

3       Ship Omaha (LCS-12); and

1           (2) the mission of the USS Omaha as a  
2   networked, agile, stealthy surface combatant capable  
3   of defeating antiaccess and asymmetric threats in  
4   the littorals.

