

"Here I am a Marine. I would have died without the corpsmen saving my life." He said, "We are one family. That is why I think this legislation is so important." Again, Eddie Wright has lost both hands.

In addition, there was a father, Dick Lynn, from Richmond, Virginia. He was telling the story about when he received the condolence letter when his son died in Iraq for this country. This is the condolence letter. We have taken the names out of it. It is not the one that Mr. Lynn received. But it is just so ironic that the Marine family, whose son died for this country, that they receive a letter that says "The Secretary of the Navy, Washington, D.C.," with a Navy flag, and it says, "On behalf of the Department of Navy, please accept our very sincere condolences."

A condolence letter certainly is important. But if this should become the law, Mr. Speaker, Mr. Lynn and every other family would receive a condolence letter that would say, "The Secretary of the Navy and Marine Corps," with the Navy flag and the Marine flag. "On behalf of the Department of the Navy and Marine Corps, please accept my sincere condolences on the loss of your loved one."

Mr. Lynn gave one example about the importance of "team." He said, My father was a World War II Navy veteran. He is buried in Culpeper, Virginia. Next to my father is buried my son, who was in the United States Marine Corps. And on both headstones, the father, "United States Navy," the son, "United States Marine Corps."

As I begin to close, I want to thank Mr. HEINRICH for being on the floor today and Mr. SCHIFF for being on the floor today. I want to thank the chairman of the committee, IKE SKELTON, for being a supporter of this for over 8 years. I want to thank BUCK MCKEON for being a supporter of this for over 8 years.

It is time that the Senate, I hope, will look at the fairness of this issue that will be sent to the United States Senate. That is all it is, is recognition and fairness to the United States Marine Corps, who are loved and endeared by the American people.

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 24, a bill which will redesignate the Department of the Navy as the Department of the Navy and Marine Corps, and to recognize George Mulvaney and the Veterans of America's Heartland role in bringing this legislation to the floor.

The Marine Corps is one of world's most capable and premier fighting forces. Since 1775 they have fought in every major armed conflict that our country has been a part of.

Previously Congress has declared that there are four branches of the military, however today there are only three departments.

The perception that the Marine Corps is under the Navy rather than being equal is real and evident, and should be corrected.

The Navy and the Marine Corps are a team, and it is important that the American public be fully aware that these branches operate as partners and equals.

H.R. 24 will recognize the Corps and their overall importance to our country and our national security. The long and proud history of the Marine Corps more than justifies the recognition of equal status with our other service branches and making all Americans aware of this is long overdue.

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. HEINRICH. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 24.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

HONORING THE USS NEW MEXICO

Mr. HEINRICH. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 1132) honoring the USS *New Mexico* as the sixth *Virginia*-class submarine commissioned by the U.S. Navy to protect and defend the United States, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 1132

Whereas the mission statement of the United States Navy is to "maintain, train and equip combat-ready Naval forces capable of winning wars, deterring aggression and maintaining freedom of the seas";

Whereas the *Virginia*-class submarine is the first U.S. Navy attack submarine to be designed for post-Cold War missions and is capable of operating in the open ocean as well as close to shore;

Whereas the *Virginia*-class submarine is capable of submerged speeds of more than 25 knots and can stay submerged for extended periods at sea;

Whereas the Secretary of the Navy has named the U.S. Navy's sixth *Virginia*-class fast-attack nuclear powered submarine the USS *New Mexico* (SSN 779);

Whereas this submarine honors the legacy of the battleship USS *New Mexico* (BB-40), which served in both the Pacific and Atlantic theaters during World War II;

Whereas the USS *New Mexico* was constructed 4 months ahead of schedule, achieving the shortest construction period of any *Virginia*-class submarine;

Whereas the USS *New Mexico* is a state-of-the-art, nuclear powered submarine that will help fulfill the U.S. Navy's mission to deter aggression and maintain freedom of the seas;

Whereas the State of New Mexico and its two national security laboratories, Sandia National Laboratories and Los Alamos National Laboratory, have made significant contributions to the Nation's nuclear development, including the advancement of nuclear powered submarines;

Whereas the Commanding Officer of the USS *New Mexico* embraced the sense of New Mexican culture within the submarine including naming the ship's galley "La Posta" after a restaurant in Mesilla, New Mexico;

Whereas Ms. Emilee Sena of Albuquerque, New Mexico, submitted the winning design

for the USS *New Mexico*'s crest, which symbolizes the beauty of New Mexico as well as the inscription "We Defend Our Land" in the Spanish language;

Whereas the USS *New Mexico* Commissioning Committee of the Navy League's New Mexico Council led a dedicated 5-year statewide grassroots initiative to have the sixth *Virginia*-class submarine named New Mexico and has played a tremendous role in planning construction milestone ceremonies and supporting crew activities throughout the vessel's development;

Whereas the USS *New Mexico* was commissioned by the U.S. Navy on March 27, 2010, at the Norfolk Naval Base in Norfolk, Virginia; and

Whereas New Mexico, "The Land of Enchantment", is proud to be honored with the most modern and sophisticated attack submarine in the world, providing undersea supremacy well into the 21st century: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) honors the USS *New Mexico* (SSN 779) as one of the most advanced submarines in the history of the U.S. Navy;

(2) commends the diligence of the New Mexico Council, Navy League of the United States, and the USS *New Mexico* Commissioning Committee who contributed to the support of the USS *New Mexico*;

(3) commends the dedicated craftsman, designers, engineers, and support staff of the Navy-industry team who contributed so vitally to the construction, testing, and trials of USS *New Mexico*; and

(4) honors Commander Mark Prokopius, United States Navy, the ship's first Commanding Officer, Senior Chief Petty Officer Eric Murphy, United States Navy, the ship's first Chief of the Boat, the commissioning crew, and the sailors who will man this ship for the next three decades maintaining an ever present silent presence throughout the oceans of the world ensuring the peace and safety of the United States.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) and the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. JONES) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New Mexico.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. HEINRICH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on the resolution under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New Mexico?

There was no objection.

Mr. HEINRICH. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I rise today to support House Resolution 1132, honoring the USS *New Mexico* as the sixth *Virginia*-class submarine commissioned by the U.S. Navy to protect and defend the United States of America. I want to thank my colleagues from New Mexico, Mr. TEAGUE and Mr. LUJÁN, for their work in bringing this resolution to the floor.

The USS *New Mexico* was commissioned on March 27 of this year as the newest *Virginia*-class fast attack submarine in the United States Navy. I was incredibly proud to be at Norfolk Naval Base that day to commission the submarine and to salute the officers

and crew as they set out to protect our Nation at sea.

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Constructed nearly 4 months ahead of schedule, this world-class platform contains some of the most advanced technologies in the entire force. Among its many capabilities, this nuclear submarine will be able to attack targets ashore with highly accurate Tomahawk missiles while conducting covert surveillance missions in both deep and littoral waters. This fast-attack sub will move at speeds of more than 25 knots while submerged and remain underwater for extended periods of time. Advances in technology have allowed the submarine to no longer require periscopes and instead use high-resolution cameras incorporated with light and infrared sensors to guide the ship. The *New Mexico* will provide important battle group and joint task force support, ensuring stealth, endurance, and agility under the sea.

As a proud New Mexican, I would like to personally thank the USS *New Mexico* Commissioning Committee of the Navy League's statewide council for leading a 5-year initiative to name the sixth *Virginia*-class submarine after the "Land of Enchantment." They have also played a tremendous role in preparing construction milestone ceremonies and supporting crew activities throughout the entire construction of this ship.

I would also wish to congratulate Ms. Emilee Sena of Albuquerque for submitting the winning design for the crest of the USS *New Mexico*. Finally, I would like to recognize Commander Mark Prokopius, commanding officer of the USS *New Mexico*, and his crew for working to incorporate a sense of New Mexican culture within the ship, including naming the ship's galley "La Posta" after a famous restaurant we all know in Mesilla, New Mexico.

Mr. Speaker, I hope my colleagues will join me in congratulating the U.S. Navy and the crew of the USS *New Mexico* on its commissioning and thanking the hardworking shipbuilders who constructed one of the most advanced ships to ever patrol the seas.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Today, I rise in support of the resolution introduced by my colleague on the Armed Services Committee, Representative MARTIN HEINRICH, honoring the USS *New Mexico* as the sixth submarine of the *Virginia* class. The *Virginia*-class submarine program is the first class of U.S. Navy attack submarines to be designed for the variety of post-Cold War missions faced by our sea service. These vessels are capable of operating in the open ocean as well as the littorals, can travel at speeds in excess of 25 knots, and stay submerged for extended periods at sea.

The Secretary of the Navy named the U.S. Navy's sixth *Virginia*-class fast-at-

tack, nuclear-powered submarine, designated SSN 779, the USS *New Mexico* in honor of the State of New Mexico. In addition, this name honors the legacy of the battleship USS *New Mexico*. The battleship *New Mexico* was the first turboelectric-driven battleship, serving both the Pacific and Atlantic theatres during World War II, and earning six battle stars.

Although the submarine USS *New Mexico* has only just been commissioned in March of this year, it is well on its way to living up to its namesake's legacy. She was built by Northrop Grumman Newport News in partnership with General Dynamics Electric Boat and constructed 4 months ahead of schedule, achieving the shortest construction period of any *Virginia*-class submarine to date.

The naming of this latest submarine is also appropriate because the State of New Mexico and its two national security laboratories, Sandia National Laboratories and Los Alamos National Laboratory, have made significant contributions to the Nation's nuclear development, including the advancement of nuclear-powered submarines. For its own part, the State of New Mexico and its residents have embraced this vessel. In fact, in response to a contest, Ms. Emilee Sena, of Albuquerque, designed a crest for the USS *New Mexico*, as a senior at St. Pius X High School in 2007.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to join my colleague in honoring the USS *New Mexico* as one of the most advanced submarines in the history of the United States Navy and in commending all of the individuals and organizations who worked tirelessly to ensure that the latest *Virginia*-class submarine would bear the proud name of the State of New Mexico.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. HEINRICH. Mr. Speaker, at this time I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 1132, as amended.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. HEINRICH. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 3 o'clock and 21 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m. today.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. JACKSON of Illinois) at 6 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on motions to suspend the rules previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

H. Res. 1307 by the yeas and nays;

H. Res. 1213, by the yeas and nays;

H. Res. 1132, by the yeas and nays.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Remaining electronic votes will be conducted as 5-minute votes.

HONORING THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 1307, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. FUDGE) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 1307.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 370, nays 2, not voting 58, as follows:

[Roll No. 243]

YEAS—370

Ackerman	Boren	Cleaver
Aderholt	Boswell	Clyburn
Adler (NJ)	Boucher	Coffman (CO)
Akin	Boustany	Cole
Alexander	Boyd	Connolly (VA)
Altmire	Brady (PA)	Cooper
Andrews	Braley (IA)	Courtney
Arcuri	Bright	Crenshaw
Baca	Brown (SC)	Crowley
Bachmann	Brown, Corrine	Cuellar
Bachus	Brown-Waite,	Culberson
Baird	Ginny	Cummings
Baldwin	Buchanan	Dahlkemper
Barrett (SC)	Burgess	Davis (CA)
Barrow	Calvert	Davis (IL)
Bartlett	Camp	Davis (KY)
Barton (TX)	Cantor	Davis (TN)
Becerra	Cao	DeFazio
Berkley	Capito	Delahunt
Berman	Capps	DeLauro
Berry	Capuano	Dent
Biggert	Carnahan	Deutch
Billbray	Carney	Diaz-Balart, L.
Bilirakis	Carter	Diaz-Balart, M.
Bishop (GA)	Cassidy	Dingell
Bishop (NY)	Castle	Doggett
Bishop (UT)	Castor (FL)	Donnelly (IN)
Blumenauer	Chaffetz	Doyle
Bocchieri	Chandler	Dreier
Boehner	Childers	Driehaus
Bonner	Chu	Duncan
Bono Mack	Clarke	Edwards (MD)
Boozman	Clay	Ehlers