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SENATE MEMORIAL 45

51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2014

INTRODUCED BY

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING JANUARY 30, 2014 AS "*USS ALBUQUERQUE DAY*" IN THE
SENATE.

WHEREAS, the *USS Albuquerque* (SSN 706) is the nineteenth
attack submarine in the Los Angeles class of submarines and the
second ship in the United States navy to be named for
Albuquerque, New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the contract to build the *USS Albuquerque* was
awarded in October 1993; and

WHEREAS, the *USS Albuquerque's* launch on March 13, 1982
was sponsored by Mrs. Nancy L. Domenici, and the ship was
commissioned on May 21, 1983 with Captain Richard H. Hartman in
command; and

WHEREAS, at the ship's commissioning, the mayor of the
city of Albuquerque presented a set of keys for a new Rolls
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1 Royce to the commanding officer, to be awarded to the first
2 skipper to pilot the submarine up the Rio Grande to Albuquerque
3 for a port visit; and

4 WHEREAS, since commissioning, the USS *Albuquerque* has
5 completed several deployments in both the Atlantic Ocean and
6 Mediterranean sea and has been awarded two meritorious unit
7 commendations; and

8 WHEREAS, commanding officer of the USS *Albuquerque*,
9 Captain Trent Hesslink, a native of Greeley, Colorado, will be
10 visiting New Mexico on January 29 and 30, 2014; and

11 WHEREAS, three sailors will be accompanying Captain
12 Hesslink to New Mexico: Chief Fire Control Technician Ramon
13 Escalante from New Mexico; Lieutenant, Junior Grade Mike
14 Guibas; and Electronics Technician Third Class Greg O'Neill;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, the USS *Albuquerque*'s motto is "silent sentinel";
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18 WHEREAS, the USS *Albuquerque* is homeported at naval base
19 Point Loma, in San Diego, California, and is assigned to
20 submarine squadron eleven, which consists of six Los Angeles-
21 class nuclear-powered submarines, two torpedo retrievers and a
22 floating dry-dock;

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
24 OF NEW MEXICO that January 30, 2014 be declared "USS
25 *Albuquerque* Day" in the senate; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be transmitted to Captain Trent Hesslink.