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HOUSE MEMORIAL 3

**52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2016**

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A MEMORIAL

ENDORING THE NAMING OF A UNITED STATES NAVAL SUBMARINE AS THE  
USS *LOS ALAMOS*.

WHEREAS, a citizen-based initiative has requested that the  
United States secretary of the navy designate a future nuclear-  
powered submarine as the USS *Los Alamos*; and

WHEREAS, it is right and fitting that the secretary of the  
navy should consider this request, given the unique  
contributions of the residents of Los Alamos and northern New  
Mexico to this nation and the United States navy since 1943;  
and

WHEREAS, Los Alamos has partnered with the United States  
navy on projects of mutual interest, concern and national  
security; and

WHEREAS, Los Alamos residents and northern New Mexicans

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1 have provided the scientific, engineering and technical  
2 expertise that has driven Los Alamos national laboratory since  
3 its inception; and

4 WHEREAS, many key participants of the Manhattan project  
5 and subsequent programs were and are members of the United  
6 States navy; and

7 WHEREAS, the understanding of nuclear energy in Los Alamos  
8 during the Manhattan project facilitated the development of the  
9 United States navy's nuclear propulsion systems used throughout  
10 the navy's fleet today; and

11 WHEREAS, naming a nuclear-powered submarine the USS *Los*  
12 *Alamos* is a fitting tribute to the men and women who served  
13 during the Manhattan project in World War Two and to all who  
14 have offered service in the nation's interest since the war;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, the navy league of New Mexico supports the effort  
17 to name a United States navy submarine the USS *Los Alamos*; and

18 WHEREAS, the council of the incorporated county of Los  
19 Alamos has endorsed the naming of a future United States navy  
20 nuclear-powered submarine the USS *Los Alamos*; and

21 WHEREAS, the timing is opportune to honor the  
22 contributions of Los Alamos to the navy with the naming of a  
23 nuclear-powered submarine the USS *Los Alamos*; and

24 WHEREAS, in November 2015, federal legislation passed to  
25 establish the Manhattan project national historical park as the

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latest addition to the national park service; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, Los Alamos national laboratory will  
celebrate its seventy-fifth anniversary;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the initiative  
to name a future United States navy nuclear-powered submarine  
the USS *Los Alamos* be endorsed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
transmitted to the United States secretary of the navy.