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A JOINT MEMORIAL

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

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

WHEREAS, the understanding of nuclear energy in
Los Alamos during the Manhattan project facilitated the
development of the United States navy's nuclear propulsion

1 systems used throughout the navy's fleet today; and

2 WHEREAS, naming a nuclear-powered submarine the
3 USS *Los Alamos* is a fitting tribute to the men and women who
4 served during the Manhattan project in World War II and to
5 all who have offered service in the nation's interest since
6 the war; and

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

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

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

16 WHEREAS, in November 2015, federal legislation passed to
17 establish the Manhattan project national historical park as
18 the latest addition to the national park service; and

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

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

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be

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transmitted to the United States secretary of the navy. _____

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