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H. RES. 1067

Recognizing the 50th anniversary of the crossing of the North Pole by the USS *Nautilus* (SSN 571) and its significance in the history of both our Nation and the world.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 1, 2008

Mr. COURTNEY (for himself, Mr. SKELTON, Mr. SHAYS, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut, Mr. LANGEVIN, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. BRALEY of Iowa, Mr. COHEN, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HARE, Mr. OLVER, Mr. GONZALEZ, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. SESTAK, and Mr. SCOTT of Virginia) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the 50th anniversary of the crossing of the North Pole by the USS *Nautilus* (SSN 571) and its significance in the history of both our Nation and the world.

Whereas the USS *Nautilus* (SSN 571), built and launched at Electric Boat in Groton, Connecticut, on January 21, 1954, was the first vessel in the world to be powered by nuclear power;

Whereas the USS *Nautilus* overcame extreme difficulties of navigation and maneuverability while submerged under

the polar ice, and became the first vessel to cross the geographic North Pole on August 3, 1958;

Whereas the USS *Nautilus* continued on her voyage and became the first vessel to successfully navigate a course across the top of the world;

Whereas the USS *Nautilus*, having claimed this historic milestone and returned home to Naval Submarine Base New London, continued to establish a series of naval records in her distinguished 25-year career, including being the first submarine to journey “20,000 leagues under the sea”;

Whereas the USS *Nautilus* completed these significant and laudable achievements during a critical phase of the Cold War, providing a source of inspiration for Americans and raising the hopes of the Free World;

Whereas the USS *Nautilus* was the first naval vessel in peacetime to receive the Presidential Unit Citation for its meritorious efforts in crossing the North Pole;

Whereas Commander William R. Anderson of the United States Navy was awarded the Legion of Merit for his role in commanding the USS *Nautilus* during its historic voyage;

Whereas the USS *Nautilus* and its contribution to world history was praised by a range of American Presidents, including President Harry Truman, President Dwight D. Eisenhower, President Lyndon B. Johnson, President Jimmy Carter, and President Bill Clinton; and

Whereas President Eisenhower described the voyage to the North Pole as a “magnificent achievement” from which “the entire free world would benefit”: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) recognizes the historic significance of the
3 journey to the North Pole undertaken by the USS
4 *Nautilus*;

5 (2) commends the officers and crew of the USS
6 *Nautilus* on the 50th anniversary of their magnifi-
7 cent achievement;

8 (3) recognizes the importance of the USS *Nau-*
9 *utilus*' journey to the North Pole as not only a mili-
10 itary and scientific accomplishment, but also in con-
11 firming America's longstanding interest in this vital
12 region of the world;

13 (4) commends the role of the USS *Nautilus* and
14 the United States Submarine Force in protecting the
15 interests of the free world during the Cold War; and

16 (5) supports the continuing role of the United
17 States Submarine Force in defending our Nation in
18 the 21st century.

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