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Commemorating the commissioning of the USS Manchester.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. JONES, and Mr. WICKER)
submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Commemorating the commissioning of the USS Manchester.

Whereas the State of New Hampshire has a long and distinguished history of military service dating back to 1680, when militia companies were formed in the State to protect the citizens of New Hampshire;

Whereas New Hampshire sent 3 regiments of minutemen to Boston in the wake of the skirmishes at Lexington and Concord, and many of those minutemen went on to fight gallantly under the command of then Colonel, and future Major General, John Stark at the Battle of Bunker Hill on June 17, 1775;

Whereas Portsmouth shipbuilder John Langdon, who would later become a United States Senator, oversaw the construction of some of the first vessels of the United States Navy, including the sloop-of-war the USS *Ranger*, which

was built and equipped for naval hero Captain John Paul Jones;

Whereas the city of Manchester, New Hampshire (commonly known as the “Queen City”), is—

- (1) the largest city in northern New England;
 - (2) an engine for the economy of New Hampshire;
- and
- (3) the namesake of the first industrialized city in the world, Manchester, England;

Whereas the first vessel of the United States Navy to be named for the city of Manchester, New Hampshire, was the USS *Manchester* (CL-83), which—

- (1) was a Cleveland class light cruiser commissioned on October 29, 1946;
- (2) served with distinction in 3 combat tours during the Korean War; and
- (3) received 9 battle stars for her service;

Whereas, on April 16, 2013, Secretary of the Navy Raymond Edwin Mabus, Jr., announced that an Independence class Littoral Combat Ship (commonly known as an “LCS”) would be named the “USS *Manchester*” (referred to in this preamble as the “USS *Manchester* (LCS-14)”);

Whereas, on June 29, 2015, there was a keel-laying ceremony for the USS *Manchester* (LCS-14) in Mobile, Alabama;

Whereas, on May 7, 2016, the USS *Manchester* (LCS-14) was christened in Mobile, Alabama, and sponsored by United States Senator Jeanne Shaheen;

Whereas, on May 12, 2016, the United States Navy launched the USS *Manchester* (LCS-14); and

Whereas the USS *Manchester* (LCS-14)—

(1) will join the USS *New Hampshire* (SSN-778) fast attack submarine in the United States Navy fleet; and

(2) will be commissioned in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, on May 26, 2018: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate commemorates the com-
2 missioning of the United States Ship *Manchester* (LCS-
3 14), the mission of which will be to act as a networked,
4 agile, stealthy surface combatant capable of defeating
5 anti-access and asymmetric threats in the littorals.

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