

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. SHELBY (for himself, Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, Mr. GRAHAM, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. LOTT, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. BREAU, Mr. GRASSLEY, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BURNS, Mr. BYRD, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. HELMS, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. DODD, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. GRAMM, Mr. MACK, Mr. FRIST, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. GREGG):

S. Con. Res. 45. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the July 20, 1999, 30th anniversary of the first lunar landing should be a day of celebration and reflection on the Apollo-11 mission to the Moon and the accomplishments of the Apollo program throughout the 1960's and 1970's; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. Con. Res. 46. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the July 20, 1999, 30th anniversary of the first lunar landing should be a day of celebration and reflection on the Apollo-11 mission to the Moon and the accomplishments of the Apollo program throughout the 1960's and 1970's; considered and agreed to.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. TORRICELLI (for himself and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 1394. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the U.S.S. *New Jersey*, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

U.S.S. "NEW JERSEY" COMMEMORATIVE COIN ACT

• Mr. TORRICELLI. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce legislation that will assist with the financial costs of relocating the Battleship U.S.S. *New Jersey* to a place of honored retirement in her namesake state. After fifty-six years of service to our Nation, this proud ship is ready to serve America in a new and invaluable role as an educational museum and historic center.

The U.S.S. *New Jersey* is believed to be the most decorated warship in the annals of the U.S. Navy, with sixteen battle stars and thirteen other ribbons and medals. She is one of the four battleships of the 45,000 ton *Iowa* class, which are the largest, fastest and most powerful we ever built. Beyond her imposing size and physical characteristics though, the *New Jersey* has an unmatched record of service to her country.

With the easing of world tensions, the battleship was decommissioned in February of 1991 and she now lays in reserve, ready, but destined never to sail again. In January 1995, the *New Jersey* was stricken by the Navy, meaning that she was available to become a museum. For 24 years, the people of New Jersey have been organizing at the

grass roots level to prepare for the eventual return to the ship.

Mr. President, the legislation I am introducing will authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to mint silver coins commemorating the U.S.S. *New Jersey*. Millions of dollars have already been raised through the purchase of Battleship License Plates, an annual Tax Check Off and contributions by many of New Jersey's leading civic and business organizations. The issuance of a U.S.S. *New Jersey* coin will add to these efforts and help commemorate this national treasure.

Mr. President, I ask that the text of bill be printed in the RECORD.

The bill follows:

S. 1394

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "U.S.S. New Jersey Commemorative Coin Act".

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress finds the following:

(1) The U.S.S. *New Jersey* was launched December 7, 1942, the start of nearly 50 years of dedicated service to our Nation prior to final decommissioning in 1991.

(2) After commissioning, the U.S.S. *New Jersey* was sent to the Pacific, and played a key role in operations in the Marshalls, Marianas, Carolines, Philippines, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa, with a particular highlight being the U.S.S. *New Jersey's* service as the flagship for Commander 3d Fleet, Admiral William "Bull" Halsey, during the Battle of Leyte Gulf in October 1944.

(3) After the Allied victory in World War II, the U.S.S. *New Jersey* was deactivated in 1948 until being called to service for the second time, in November 1950.

(4) The U.S.S. *New Jersey* served two tours in the Western Pacific during the Korean War, serving as flagship for Commander 7th Fleet.

(5) After her valiant service during the Korean War, the U.S.S. *New Jersey* was again mothballed in 1957, only to be re-activated again in 1968 to serve as the only active-duty Navy battleship.

(6) The U.S.S. *New Jersey* served a successful tour during the Vietnam conflict, providing critical major-caliber fire support for friendly troops, before again being decommissioned in December 1969.

(7) The U.S.S. *New Jersey's* service to our country did not end with the Vietnam conflict, as she was again called to active duty status in December 1982 and provided a show of strength off the coast of Nicaragua, in Central America in 1983.

(8) The Navy again called upon the U.S.S. *New Jersey* to provide critical support by sending her to the Mediterranean in 1983 to provide critical fire support to Marines in embattled Beirut, Lebanon.

(9) The U.S.S. *New Jersey* continued to serve the Navy in a variety of roles, including regular deployments in the Western Pacific.

(10) The U.S.S. *New Jersey* was decommissioned for the fourth and final time in February 1991.

(11) In 1998 Congress passed legislation to decommission the U.S.S. *New Jersey* and permanently berth her in the State of New Jersey.

(12) The State has strongly endorsed bringing the U.S.S. *New Jersey* home, and has issued commemorative license plates and taken other steps to raise funds for the costs of relocating the U.S.S. *New Jersey*.

(13) The New Jersey congressional delegation is united in its support for bringing the U.S.S. *New Jersey* home to New Jersey.

SEC. 3. COIN SPECIFICATIONS.

(a) DENOMINATION.—In commemoration of the U.S.S. *New Jersey*, the Secretary of the Treasury (hereafter in this Act referred to as the "Secretary") shall mint and issue not more than 500,000 \$1 coins, each of which shall—

(1) weigh 26.73 grams;

(2) have a diameter of 1.500 inches; and

(3) contain 90 percent silver and 10 percent copper.

(b) LEGAL TENDER.—The coins minted under this Act shall be legal tender, as provided in section 5103 of title 31, United States Code.

(c) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of section 5136 of title 31, United States Code, all coins minted under this Act shall be considered to be numismatic items.

SEC. 4. SOURCES OF BULLION.

The Secretary may obtain silver for minting coins under this Act from any available source, including stockpiles established under the Strategic and Critical Materials Stock Piling Act.

SEC. 5. DESIGN OF COINS.

(a) DESIGN REQUIREMENTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The design of the coins minted under this Act shall be emblematic of service of the U.S.S. *New Jersey*.

(2) DESIGNATION AND INSCRIPTIONS.—On each coin minted under this Act there shall be—

(A) a designation of the value of the coin;

(B) an inscription of the year "2002"; and

(C) inscriptions of the words "Liberty", "In God We Trust", "United States of America", and "E Pluribus Unum".

(3) OVERSE OF COIN.—The obverse of each coin minted under this Act shall bear the likeness of the U.S.S. *New Jersey*.

(4) GENERAL DESIGN.—In designing this coin, the Secretary shall also consider incorporating appropriate elements from the tenure of service of the U.S.S. *New Jersey* in the Navy.

(b) SELECTION.—The design for the coins minted under this Act shall be selected by the Secretary after consultation with the Commission of Fine Arts and shall be reviewed by the Citizens Commemorative Coin Advisory Committee.

SEC. 6. ISSUANCE OF COINS.

(a) QUALITY OF COINS.—Coins minted under this Act shall be issued in uncirculated and proof qualities.

(b) MINT FACILITY.—Only one facility of the United States Mint may be used to strike any particular quality of the coins minted under this Act.

(c) PERIOD FOR ISSUANCE.—The Secretary may issue coins minted under this Act only during the period beginning on January 1, 2002, and ending on December 31, 2002.

SEC. 7. SALE OF COINS.

(a) SALE PRICE.—The coins issued under this Act shall be sold by the Secretary at a price equal to the sum of—

(1) the face value of the coins;

(2) the surcharge provided in subsection (d) with respect to such coins; and

(3) the cost of designing and issuing the coins (including labor, materials, dies, use of machinery, overhead expenses, marketing, and shipping).

(b) BULK SALES.—The Secretary shall make bulk sales of the coins issued under this Act at a reasonable discount.

(c) PREPAID ORDERS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall accept prepaid orders for the coins minted under this Act before the issuance of such coins.