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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 16-1005**

101      **CONCERNING THE U.S.S. COLORADO.**

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1            WHEREAS, Many Colorado men and women have honorably  
2 served in the United States Navy and other branches of the military in the  
3 defense of our country; and

4            WHEREAS, Colorado is grateful to all members of the United  
5 States armed forces for their sacrifices and the sacrifices of their families;  
6 and

7            WHEREAS, The Secretary of the Navy announced in April 2012  
8 that a new Virginia-class submarine would be named the U.S.S. Colorado  
9 and designated SSN-788; and

10            WHEREAS, The U.S.S. Colorado will stretch 377 feet and, in  
11 addition to its traditional attack submarine roles, will have

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1 accommodations for Navy SEALs and carry Tomahawk missiles with a  
2 striking distance of 900 miles; and

3 WHEREAS, It has been nearly two generations since a United  
4 States naval warship has borne the proud name of the great state of  
5 Colorado; and

6 WHEREAS, This will be the fourth United States naval warship  
7 so christened, following the great traditions of the battleship U.S.S.  
8 Colorado (BB 45), which proudly served from 1923 to 1947, earning  
9 seven battle stars during World War II; the armored cruiser U.S.S.  
10 Colorado (ACR 7), which was renamed the U.S.S. Pueblo and served  
11 during World War I; and the three-masted frigate U.S.S. Colorado, which  
12 saw service during the Civil War; and

13 WHEREAS, This will be the first submarine to bear the name of  
14 the great state of Colorado; and

15 WHEREAS, The Navy expects to christen the U.S.S. Colorado in  
16 early fall 2016 and plans to commission the submarine in spring 2017;  
17 now, therefore,

18 *Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Seventieth*  
19 *General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring herein:*

20 That we, the members of the General Assembly, express our  
21 greatest pride in the newest U.S.S. Colorado and wish the greatest  
22 successes for her crew.

23 *Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent  
24 to Governor John Hickenlooper; the U.S.S. Colorado Commissioning  
25 Committee; the Navy Leagues of Colorado Springs and Denver; and  
26 Colorado's Congressional delegation.