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SENATE MEMORIAL 18-001

101 **MEMORIALIZING CONGRESS TO ACTIVELY PURSUE THE RETURN OF**
102 **THE U.S.S. PUEBLO FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE**
103 **DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA.**

1 WHEREAS, Recent actions by the Democratic People's Republic
2 of Korea, or North Korea, suggest that the nation and South Korea have
3 entered into a new phase of their relationship, marked by optimism,
4 respect, and hope for a more cooperative future; and

5 WHEREAS, While the Declaration of War between the two
6 nations has not yet been rescinded, the recent meeting between the
7 nations' leaders--just the second such meeting since 1948--has resulted in
8 some detente between the North and South, including a promise by North
9 Korea to end its nuclear program in the coming weeks; and

10 WHEREAS, The state of Colorado has a unique relationship with
11 North Korea: In 1966, the U.S.S. Pueblo was named in honor of the city
12 and county of Pueblo, Colorado; the ship was attacked by the North
13 Korean military in international waters on January 23, 1968, and, in the
14 attack, one crew member was killed and eighty crew members and two
15 civilian oceanographers were captured and held for eleven months by the

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1 North Korean government; and

2 WHEREAS, The U.S.S. Pueblo is still in commission in the
3 United States Navy but continues to be held by the North Korean
4 government and is currently a museum in Pyongyang, North Korea; and

5 WHEREAS, The United States government is encouraged and
6 hopeful for continued positive developments on the Korean peninsula, as
7 evidenced by Secretary of State Mike Pompeo's recent meeting with
8 North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and President Donald Trump's planned
9 diplomatic trip to the Demilitarized Zone; now, therefore,

10 *Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Seventy-first General Assembly*
11 *of the State of Colorado:*

12 That we, the Senate of the State of Colorado:

13 (1) Applaud and support the recent peaceful actions of North
14 Korea and are hopeful that the nation will continue on a positive course
15 for the benefit of its citizens and for the cause of global security;

16 (2) Believe that the return of the U.S.S. Pueblo to the people of
17 Colorado and the United States would be a remarkable, good faith action
18 by North Korea in this time of conversation and healing; and

19 (3) Strongly urge Congress, alongside President Donald Trump
20 and his cabinet, to actively pursue the return of the U.S.S. Pueblo to its
21 rightful home.

22 *Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Memorial be sent to
23 President Donald Trump; Mike Pompeo, Secretary of State; Marc
24 Knapper, Charge d'Affaires ad interim to South Korea; and Colorado's
25 Congressional delegation.