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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 18-005

101 **CONCERNING THE INSTALLATION OF A BRONZE SCULPTURE AND**
102 **EXPLANATORY PLAQUE ON THE STATE CAPITOL GROUNDS TO**
103 **HONOR THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVE ABOARD THE U.S.S.**
104 ***COLORADO.***

1 WHEREAS, The State Capitol and its grounds contain memorials
2 to the state's political past as well as memorabilia promoting the state's
3 natural environment and history of events, individuals, and ethnic groups;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, From time to time, proposals for gifts of art and
6 memorials are made to the state to be placed in the State Capitol or on its
7 grounds; and

8 WHEREAS, Section 24-82-108 (3)(h), Colorado Revised Statutes,

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
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SENATE
Final Reading
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1 requires the State Capitol Building Advisory Committee to establish
2 criteria and a procedure for the evaluation of proposals for gifts of
3 memorials for placement in the State Capitol or on its grounds; and

4 WHEREAS, The State Capitol Building Advisory Committee's
5 evaluation criteria for a memorial is based partly upon the association the
6 proposed memorial has with a significant event in the state's history, the
7 connection of the memorial with persons significant in the heritage of the
8 state, and its appropriateness to the designated area of the State Capitol;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, The procedure stipulates that, if the Capital
11 Development Committee and the Governor concur with the State Capitol
12 Building Advisory Committee's recommendations regarding the
13 placement of memorials on the State Capitol grounds, the Capital
14 Development Committee may make its recommendation for acceptance
15 of the donated art to the General Assembly in the form of a Joint
16 Resolution introduced during an annual legislative session; and

17 WHEREAS, The State Capitol Building Advisory Committee and
18 the Capital Development Committee have approved a plan for placement
19 of a bronze sculpture and an accompanying explanatory plaque in the
20 south wing on the first floor of the State Capitol building, consistent with
21 the military theme of that area; and

22 WHEREAS, The proposed language for the explanatory plaque
23 reads as follows:

24 **"SHIP'S CREST OF THE U.S.S. *Colorado* (SSN-788)**

25 This bronze bas-relief sculpture of the Ship's Crest of the U.S.S.
26 *Colorado* is a replica of the sculpture that is permanently mounted in the
27 Ward Room on board the U.S.S. *Colorado* (SSN-788) submarine. The
28 original was presented to the ship's crew during the christening ceremony
29 on December 3, 2016, in Groton, Connecticut.

30 The art is the work of USN Ensign Michael Nielson, originally from
31 Arvada, Colorado, and was selected from 140 entries in a blind
32 competition for selecting the design of the crest. The bronze sculpture is
33 the work of Native American artist Doug Hyde, a Vietnam veteran and
34 nationally noted bronze artist.

1 The U.S.S. *Colorado* was assembled at the Electric Boat shipyard in
2 Groton, Connecticut, where the christening took place. The U.S.S.
3 *Colorado* is capable of launching surface-to-air missiles. It is a
4 nuclear-powered boat and will not require refueling during its life,
5 expected to be about 33 years. Its operational distances will be unlimited
6 and the submarine is capable of diving to depths greater than 800 feet.
7 The U.S.S. *Colorado* was christened on December 3, 2017, and will be
8 commissioned into active service on March 17, 2018.

9 The Colorado Thirty Group is a Colorado non-profit corporation that was
10 founded in 1978 and serves to "*educate, inform, and foster understanding*
11 *and cooperation between the civilian community, the government of the*
12 *United States, and the U.S. armed forces.*"; and

13 WHEREAS, The sculpture and the plaque would serve to honor
14 the men and women who serve on the U.S.S. *Colorado* and remind them
15 of the support and gratitude of the citizens of Colorado for what they do
16 to defend our great nation, and to remind the citizens of Colorado that the
17 U.S.S. *Colorado* works tirelessly to defend us all; now, therefore,

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

20 That we, the members of the General Assembly, do hereby
21 approve of the plan recommended by the State Capitol Building Advisory
22 Committee and the Capital Development Committee for the installation
23 of the bronze sculpture and the accompanying explanatory plaque in the
24 south wing of the first floor the State Capitol.

25 *Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Joint Resolution be
26 transmitted to Governor John Hickenlooper, the State Capitol Building
27 Advisory Committee, the Capital Development Committee, the U.S.S.
28 *Colorado* (SSN-788) Commissioning Committee, Chief of Naval
29 Operations Admiral John M. Richardson, the Crew of the U.S.S.
30 *Colorado*, and the Colorado Thirty Group.