



SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 18-005

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Section 24-82-108 (3)(h), Colorado Revised Statutes, requires the State Capitol Building Advisory Committee to establish criteria and a procedure for the evaluation of proposals for gifts of

memorials for placement in the State Capitol or on its grounds; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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