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1 A House Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Acknowledgment of the United States Navy Submarine Force on Its 100th**
3 **Anniversary**

4 FOR the purpose of acknowledging the achievements of the United States Navy
5 Submarine Force on its 100th anniversary.

6 WHEREAS, In the year 2000, the United States Navy Submarine Force will
7 celebrate a century of service to this nation; and

8 WHEREAS, The United States Navy Submarine Force came into existence on
9 October 12, 1900, with the commissioning of the USS Holland; and

10 WHEREAS, The Submarine Force began its mission with coastal and harbor
11 patrols and defense, came of age during World War II, was instrumental in the
12 successful and peaceful conclusion of the Cold War, and remains a key battle-proven
13 component of the nation's armed forces; and

14 WHEREAS, The power of the Submarine Force was demonstrated during World
15 War II when 55 percent of all Japanese shipping was destroyed by U.S. submarines
16 even though submariners constituted less than 2 percent of all U.S. Navy personnel
17 and sustained the loss of 52 submarines and over 3,500 men; and

18 WHEREAS, The Submarine Force has continued to be an active and vital part of
19 modern military operations, with submarines playing key roles in the Persian Gulf
20 war, the Balkans conflict, and naval operations against terrorist organizations and
21 international drug cartels; and

22 WHEREAS, Veterans of the Submarine Force have served with honor,
23 distinction, and courage, risking their lives in combat; and

24 WHEREAS, Over the years numerous Marylanders have honorably served their
25 country with distinction in the Submarine Force; and

26 WHEREAS, Submarines have participated in numerous scientific expeditions,
27 ecological studies of the oceans, and salvage and rescue operations, thereby
28 significantly improving our understanding and control of the oceans; and

1 WHEREAS, Submarine technology has proven invaluable to our nation by
2 strengthening the national defense, preserving world maritime freedom, and
3 producing scientific breakthroughs; and

4 WHEREAS, It is altogether fitting and proper to honor the United States Navy
5 Submarine Force and its accomplishments on the occasion of the Force's 100th
6 anniversary; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the
8 General Assembly acknowledges the enormous contributions and achievements of the
9 United States Navy Submarine Force; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be mailed by the Department of
11 Legislative Services to the Department of the Navy; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
13 Legislative Services to the Honorable Parris N. Glendening, Governor of Maryland;
14 the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; and
15 the Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr., Speaker of the House of Delegates.