IN THE SENATE

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 109

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND COMMENDING THE COMMANDER AND CREW OF THE USS BOISE FOR WINNING NUMEROUS UNITED STATES NAVY AWARDS.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

WHEREAS, the USS Boise (SSN 764), one of the Los Angeles-class attack submarines and the second ship in the Navy to bear the name of Idaho's capital, was commissioned on November 7, 1992, and is a nuclear powered submarine with its home port in Norfolk, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles-class attack submarine USS Boise (SSN 764) was officially presented the 2010 Battle Efficiency (Battle "E") award during a ceremony aboard Naval Station Norfolk, Virginia on February 11, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Battle "E" competition is conducted to strengthen individual command performance, overall force readiness, and to recognize outstanding performance and the criterion for the award is the overall readiness of the command to carry out its assigned wartime tasks as a unit of the Atlantic Submarine Force, and is based on a year-long evaluation; and

WHEREAS, one submarine from each submarine squadron in the Atlantic Fleet is recognized and the awards are presented by the commodore of each squadron to the submarine under his command that has demonstrated the highest level of battle readiness during the evaluation year; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the Battle "E" award, the USS Boise was also presented the Medical "M," the Supply "E," the Communications "C," the Navigation "N," and the Engineering "E"; and

WHEREAS, the Meritorious Unit Commendation award highlighted the USS Boise's success in exceeding operational requirements during a 2008 deployment in the European Command area of operations, conducting four highly successful allied naval exercises with the United Kingdom, France, Germany and Spain.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Session of the Sixty-first Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Representatives concurring therein, that we commend the commander and crew of the USS Boise for a job well done in keeping this country and world safe.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be presented to Commander Brian Sittlow, the USS Boise commanding officer.