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SENATE MEMORIAL 15

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A MEMORIAL

ENDORING THE NAMING OF A UNITED STATES NAVAL SUBMARINE AS THE
USS *LOS ALAMOS*.

WHEREAS, a citizen-based initiative has requested that the
United States secretary of the navy designate a future nuclear-
powered submarine as the USS *Los Alamos*; and

WHEREAS, it is right and fitting that the secretary of the
navy should consider this request, given the unique
contributions of the residents of Los Alamos and northern New
Mexico to this nation and the United States navy since 1943;
and

WHEREAS, Los Alamos has partnered with the United States
navy on projects of mutual interest, concern and national
security; and

WHEREAS, Los Alamos residents and northern New Mexicans

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1 have provided the scientific, engineering and technical
2 expertise that has driven Los Alamos national laboratory since
3 its inception; and

4 WHEREAS, many key participants of the Manhattan project
5 and subsequent programs were and are members of the United
6 States navy; and

7 WHEREAS, the understanding of nuclear energy in Los Alamos
8 during the Manhattan project facilitated the development of the
9 United States navy's nuclear propulsion systems used throughout
10 the navy's fleet today; and

11 WHEREAS, naming a nuclear-powered submarine the USS *Los*
12 *Alamos* is a fitting tribute to the men and women who served
13 during the Manhattan project in World War Two and to all who
14 have offered service in the nation's interest since the war;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, the navy league of New Mexico supports the effort
17 to name a United States navy submarine the USS *Los Alamos*; and

18 WHEREAS, the council of the incorporated county of Los
19 Alamos has endorsed the naming of a future United States navy
20 nuclear-powered submarine the USS *Los Alamos*; and

21 WHEREAS, the timing is opportune to honor the
22 contributions of Los Alamos to the navy with the naming of a
23 nuclear-powered submarine the USS *Los Alamos*; and

24 WHEREAS, in November 2015, federal legislation passed to
25 establish the Manhattan project national historical park as the

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latest addition to the national park service; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, Los Alamos national laboratory will
celebrate its seventy-fifth anniversary;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
OF NEW MEXICO that the initiative to name a future United
States navy nuclear-powered submarine the USS *Los Alamos* be
endorsed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
transmitted to the United States secretary of the navy.