

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 556

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A RESOLUTION relative to the naming of the next commissioned naval ship.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly, along with all of America, were greatly saddened by the targeted attacks upon the U.S. Naval and Marine Reserve Center and recruitment facilities in Chattanooga on July 16, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the lives of five brave members of the military were lost that day: Petty Officer Second Class Randall Scott Smith, Sergeant Carson A. Holmquist, Staff Sergeant David A. Wyatt, Lance Corporal Squire K. "Skip" Wells, and Gunnery Sergeant Thomas J. Sullivan; and

WHEREAS, these five valorous men left behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all their chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we honor the lives of these courageous members of the military whose deaths will be forever remembered by a mournful State and Nation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby urge the Secretary of the Navy to name the next commissioned naval ship the "USS *Chattanooga*" in honor of the five members of the military who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks of July 16, 2015.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be prepared and transmitted to the Secretary of the Navy, the United States Secretary of Defense, and each member of the Tennessee Congressional delegation.