

117TH CONGRESS
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H. RES. 1143

Recognizing the service of the Los Angeles-class attack submarine, the USS Oklahoma City, and the crew of the USS Oklahoma City, who served the United States with valor and bravery.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 27, 2022

Mrs. BICE of Oklahoma (for herself, Mr. HERN, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. LUCAS, and Mr. COLE) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the service of the Los Angeles-class attack submarine, the USS Oklahoma City, and the crew of the USS Oklahoma City, who served the United States with valor and bravery.

Whereas the USS Oklahoma City (SSN-723) is a nuclear-powered fast attack submarine named after Oklahoma City, the capital and most populous city in Oklahoma, and is the second ship in the United States Navy's history to bear that name;

Whereas the motto of the USS Oklahoma City is The Sooner, The Better, which is a testament to both the spirit of the people of Oklahoma City and the readiness of the 140-person crew of the USS Oklahoma City;

Whereas the USS Oklahoma City was christened and launched on November 2, 1985, sponsored by Mrs. Linda M. Nickles, and was commissioned for service on July 9, 1988, with Commander Kevin John Reardon as its first commanding officer;

Whereas since her commissioning, the USS Oklahoma City has traveled around the globe multiple times and has served in the Mediterranean, Persian Gulf, and the Pacific, with its most recent homeport at Apra Harbor, Guam;

Whereas in the aftermath of the April 19, 1995, bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, the crew of the USS Oklahoma City donated blood in support of the victims of the deadliest act of home-grown terrorism in United States history that resulted in the deaths of 168 individuals;

Whereas the USS Oklahoma City was the first United States Navy submarine to transition from navigation using paper charts to an all-electronic navigation suite;

Whereas the USS Oklahoma City was decommissioned on Friday, May 20, 2022, in Puget Sound Naval Shipyard with a ceremony to honor her nearly 34 years of service; and

Whereas throughout her career, the USS Oklahoma City supported a range of missions, including antisurface warfare, antisubmarine warfare, targeted-strike missions, and intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance missions: Now, therefore, be it

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