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110TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

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Recognizing the 50th anniversary of the crossing of the North Pole by the USS *Nautilus* (SSN 571) and its significance in the history of both our Nation and the world.

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### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. COURTNEY submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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## RESOLUTION

Recognizing the 50th anniversary of the crossing of the North Pole by the USS *Nautilus* (SSN 571) and its significance in the history of both our Nation and the world.

Whereas the USS *Nautilus* (SSN 571), built and launched at Electric Boat in Groton, Connecticut, on January 21, 1954, was the first vessel in the world to be powered by nuclear power;

Whereas the USS *Nautilus* overcame extreme difficulties of navigation and maneuverability while submerged under the polar ice, and became the first vessel to cross the geographic North Pole on August 3, 1958;

Whereas the USS *Nautilus* continued on her voyage and became the first vessel to successfully navigate a course across the top of the world;

Whereas the USS *Nautilus*, having claimed this historic milestone and returned home to Naval Submarine Base New London, continued to establish a series of naval records in her distinguished 25 year career, including being the first submarine to journey “20,000 leagues under the sea”;

Whereas the USS *Nautilus* completed these significant and laudable achievements during a critical phase of the Cold War, providing a source of inspiration for Americans and raising the hopes of the Free World;

Whereas the USS *Nautilus* was the first naval vessel in peacetime to receive the Presidential Unit Citation for its meritorious efforts in crossing the North Pole;

Whereas Commander William R. Anderson of the United States Navy was awarded the Legion of Merit for his role in commanding the USS *Nautilus* during its historic voyage;

Whereas the USS *Nautilus* and its contribution to world history was praised by a range of American Presidents, including President Harry Truman, President Dwight D. Eisenhower, President Lyndon B. Johnson, President Jimmy Carter, and President Bill Clinton; and

Whereas President Eisenhower described the voyage to the North Pole as a “magnificent achievement” from which “the entire free world would benefit”: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

1           (1) recognizes the historic significance of the  
2           journey to the North Pole undertaken by the USS  
3           *Nautilus*;

4           (2) commends the officers and crew of the USS  
5           *Nautilus* on the 50th anniversary of their magnifi-  
6           cent achievement;

7           (3) recognizes the importance of the USS *Nau-*  
8           *tilus* to the North Pole as not only a military and  
9           scientific accomplishment, but also in confirming  
10          America's longstanding interest in this vital region  
11          of the world;

12          (4) commends the role of the USS *Nautilus* and  
13          the United States Submarine Force in protecting the  
14          interests of the free world during the Cold War; and

15          (5) supports the continuing role of the United  
16          States Submarine Force in defending our Nation in  
17          the 21st century.