
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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SCHWANK, COLLETT, L. WILLIAMS, COSTA, HUGHES, BREWSTER AND
HUTCHINSON, JANUARY 27, 2020

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A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating the decommissioning of USS *Pittsburgh* (SSN 720) in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, USS *Pittsburgh* was commissioned on November 23,
4 1985, as a Los Angeles-class nuclear-powered fast-attack
5 submarine; and

6 WHEREAS, Los Angeles-class submarines dive to depths of 650
7 feet, travel at speeds of more than 25 knots and carry 25
8 torpedo tube-launched weapons, including Tomahawk cruise
9 missiles and Harpoon missiles; and

10 WHEREAS, USS *Pittsburgh* had a crew of 150 and completed more
11 than 1,000 dives, a rare milestone in the United States Navy;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, USS *Pittsburgh* is the fourth vessel to be named
14 after the City of Pittsburgh in the history of the United States
15 Navy; and

16 WHEREAS, The first Pittsburgh-named vessel was an ironclad
17 gunboat commissioned in 1862, which served during the American

1 Civil War; and

2 WHEREAS, The second Pittsburgh-named vessel was an armored
3 cruiser commissioned in 1905, which later served during World
4 War I; and

5 WHEREAS, The third Pittsburgh-named vessel was a Baltimore-
6 class cruiser commissioned in 1944, which served during World
7 War II; and

8 WHEREAS, During more than 35 years of service, *USS Pittsburgh*
9 saw 15 deployments to the European theater, the Middle East,
10 Africa and the Caribbean; and

11 WHEREAS, *USS Pittsburgh* deployed for both Operation Desert
12 Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

13 WHEREAS, *USS Pittsburgh's* presence in ports all over the
14 world was critical to strengthening partnerships with United
15 States' allies and advancing international security; and

16 WHEREAS, Under Commander Jason Diechler, a native of
17 Pittsburgh, *USS Pittsburgh* returned from its final patrol by
18 traveling under ice in an unprecedented Arctic transit; and

19 WHEREAS, *USS Pittsburgh* was decommissioned in Bremerton,
20 Washington, on January 17, 2020; therefore be it

21 RESOLVED, That the Senate commemorate the decommissioning of
22 *USS Pittsburgh* (SSN 720) in Pennsylvania.