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Seeking the return of the USS Pueblo to the United States Navy.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TIPTON submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

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Navy.

Whereas the USS *Pueblo*, which was attacked and captured
by the navy of North Korea on January 23, 1968, was
the first ship of the United States Navy to be hijacked
on the high seas by a foreign military force in more than
150 years;

Whereas 1 member of the USS *Pueblo* crew, Petty Officer
Duane Hodges, was killed in the assault, while the other
82 crew members were held in captivity, often under in-
humane conditions, for 11 months;

Whereas the USS *Pueblo*, an intelligence collection auxiliary
vessel, was operating in international waters at the time
of the capture, and therefore did not violate the terri-
torial waters of North Korea;

Whereas the capture of the USS *Pueblo* resulted in no reprisals against the Government or people of North Korea and no military action at any time; and

Whereas the USS *Pueblo*, though still the property of the United States Navy, has been retained by the Government of North Korea for more than 50 years, was subjected to exhibition in the North Korean cities of Wonsan and Hungnam, and is now on display in Pyongyang, the capital city of North Korea: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) desires the return of the USS *Pueblo* to the
3 United States Navy;

4 (2) would welcome the return of the USS *Pueb-*
5 *lo* as a sign of good faith from the North Korean
6 people to the American people; and

7 (3) directs the Clerk of the House of Represent-
8 atives to transmit copies of this resolution to the
9 President, the Secretary of Defense, and the Sec-
10 retary of State.

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