

**Joint Resolution No. 9**

**(House Joint Resolution No. 2)**

A House Joint Resolution concerning

**Acknowledgment of the United States Navy Submarine Force on Its 100th Anniversary**

FOR the purpose of acknowledging the achievements of the United States Navy Submarine Force on its 100th anniversary.

WHEREAS, In the year 2000, the United States Navy Submarine Force will celebrate a century of service to this nation; and

WHEREAS, The United States Navy Submarine Force came into existence on October 12, 1900, with the commissioning of the USS Holland; and

WHEREAS, The Submarine Force began its mission with coastal and harbor patrols and defense, came of age during World War II, was instrumental in the successful and peaceful conclusion of the Cold War, and remains a key battle-proven component of the nation's armed forces; and

WHEREAS, The power of the Submarine Force was demonstrated during World War II when 55 percent of all Japanese shipping was destroyed by U.S. submarines even though submariners constituted less than 2 percent of all U.S. Navy personnel and sustained the loss of 52 submarines and over 3,500 men; and

WHEREAS, The Submarine Force has continued to be an active and vital part of modern military operations, with submarines playing key roles in the Persian Gulf war, the Balkans conflict, and naval operations against terrorist organizations and international drug cartels; and

WHEREAS, Veterans of the Submarine Force have served with honor, distinction, and courage, risking their lives in combat; and

WHEREAS, Over the years numerous Marylanders have honorably served their country with distinction in the Submarine Force; and

WHEREAS, Submarines have participated in numerous scientific expeditions, ecological studies of the oceans, and salvage and rescue operations, thereby significantly improving our understanding and control of the oceans; and

WHEREAS, Submarine technology has proven invaluable to our nation by strengthening the national defense, preserving world maritime freedom, and producing scientific breakthroughs; and

WHEREAS, It is altogether fitting and proper to honor the United States Navy Submarine Force and its accomplishments on the occasion of the Force's 100th anniversary; now, therefore, be it