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2D SESSION

# S. RES. 228

Honoring the memory of the U.S.S. South Dakota and its World War II crew on the occasion of the 60th Anniversary of the commissioning of the U.S.S. South Dakota.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 20, 2002

Mr. JOHNSON (for himself and Mr. DASCHLE) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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## RESOLUTION

Honoring the memory of the U.S.S. South Dakota and its World War II crew on the occasion of the 60th Anniversary of the commissioning of the U.S.S. South Dakota.

Whereas March 20, 2002, marks the 60th Anniversary of the commissioning of the U.S.S. South Dakota;

Whereas the U.S.S. South Dakota and her crew served with distinction throughout World War II;

Whereas the U.S.S. South Dakota served in many of the major battles of the Pacific Campaign, including the engagements in support of the battle for Guadalcanal, the Battle of the Santa Cruz Islands, the invasions of the Gilbert Islands and Marshall Islands, the Marianas Campaign, the Battle of the Philippine Sea, the invasions of Leyte and Luzon in the Philippines, the invasions of Iwo

Jima and Okinawa, and attacks on the home islands of Japan;

Whereas, from February through August of 1943, the U.S.S. South Dakota operated in the Atlantic Ocean, and served there with the British Home Fleet;

Whereas the U.S.S. South Dakota and her crew became the most decorated American battleship of World War II, having been awarded 13 battle stars;

Whereas the U.S.S. South Dakota became one of only four battleships to be awarded the Navy Unit Commendation;

Whereas Admiral Chester W. Nimitz used the U.S.S. South Dakota as his flagship for the surrender of Japan in Tokyo Bay;

Whereas the U.S.S. South Dakota served as the flagship for Admiral William F. Halsey on the return of the Navy's Third Fleet to the United States after World War II ended; and

Whereas the memory of those who served and those who died on the vessel are honored at the U.S.S. South Dakota Memorial in Sioux Falls, South Dakota: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2            (1) remembers the service of the U.S.S. South  
3        Dakota and its World War II crew on the occasion  
4        of the 60th Anniversary of the commissioning of the  
5        U.S.S. South Dakota;

6            (2) commends the members of the World War  
7        II crew of the U.S.S. South Dakota for their dedi-  
8        cated service to the United States during that war;

1           (3) pays solemn tribute to those who were killed  
2           or wounded on the decks of the U.S.S. South Da-  
3           kota; and

4           (4) honors the lasting legacy of the great fight-  
5           ing spirit of the U.S.S. South Dakota and its crew.

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