

By Senator Latvala

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See HB

1 Senate Memorial No. ____

2 A memorial to the Congress of the United

3 States, urging Congress to issue a

4 commemorative postage stamp honoring the United

5 States Submarine Force on its 100th

6 anniversary.

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8 WHEREAS, in the year 2000, the United States Submarine

9 Force will celebrate a century of service to the nation, and

10 WHEREAS, little has captured our imagination more than

11 exploring the ocean depths, and

12 WHEREAS, submarine technology has proven invaluable to

13 our nation by strengthening our national defense, preserving

14 world maritime freedom, and producing scientific

15 breakthroughs, and

16 WHEREAS, submarines have not only provided a remarkable

17 strategic platform, but have helped establish a firm

18 foundation for scientific exploration, and

19 WHEREAS, the United States Submarine Force was

20 responsible for 55 percent of all Japanese shipping destroyed

21 during World War II even though submariners constituted only 2

22 percent of all United States Navy personnel serving in that

23 war, and

24 WHEREAS, 52 American submarines and over 3,500 American

25 submariners were lost during World War II, and

26 WHEREAS, in peacetime, the Silent Service continues to

27 patrol around the clock under the oceans to keep us free, and

28 WHEREAS, veterans of the United States Submarine Force

29 have served with honor and courage, risking their lives in

30 combat against determined foes and always against an

31 unforgiving sea, NOW, THEREFORE,

1 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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3 That the United States Postal Service issue a
4 commemorative postage stamp in honor of the United States
5 Submarine Force on its 100th anniversary.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this memorial be
7 sent to the President of the United States, the President of
8 the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States
9 House of Representatives, and to each member of the Florida
10 delegation to the United States Congress.

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