

# ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION

No. 57

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 220th LEGISLATURE

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**SYNOPSIS**

Expresses support for commissioning of SSN-796, U.S.S. New Jersey, in New Jersey.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Assembly Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee with technical review.



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1   **A JOINT RESOLUTION** expressing support for the commissioning of  
2   the SSN-796, the U.S.S. New Jersey, to take place in New  
3   Jersey.  
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5   **WHEREAS**, The SSN-796, a Virginia-class nuclear-powered cruise  
6   missile fast-attack submarine set for completion in late 2022 or  
7   2023, will be the third United States Navy ship to bear the name the  
8   U.S.S. New Jersey; and

9   **WHEREAS**, The BB-16, a Virginia-class battleship, was the first ship  
10   to bear the name the U.S.S. New Jersey and was a member of the  
11   Great White Fleet; and

12   **WHEREAS**, The BB-62, an Iowa-class battleship, better known as the  
13   Battleship New Jersey, was the second ship to bear the name the  
14   U.S.S. New Jersey and it saw action in World War II, Korea,  
15   Vietnam, and Lebanon and is the most decorated battleship in  
16   Naval history with 19 Battle Stars; and

17   **WHEREAS**, The Battleship New Jersey is recognized as the official  
18   State Ship and is one of New Jersey's top tourist attractions being  
19   moored on the Camden City waterfront as a museum and memorial;  
20   and

21   **WHEREAS**, On May 24, 2015, Secretary of the Navy, Ray Mabus,  
22   announced that the SSN-796 would be the third ship to bear the  
23   name the U.S.S. New Jersey; and

24   **WHEREAS**, A ship's commissioning is an historic event that brings  
25   together our military, veterans, and local community with  
26   significant economic benefits for the surrounding region; and

27   **WHEREAS**, A commissioning committee, that supports and maintains  
28   collaborative efforts with the Navy, has come together to support  
29   the SSN-796; and

30   **WHEREAS**, The U.S.S. New Jersey Commissioning Committee  
31   recommends the Camden waterfront in view of the Battleship New  
32   Jersey as a proper and fitting location to host the commissioning  
33   ceremony and related activities; and

34   **WHEREAS**, A letter, agreed upon and signed by all members of the  
35   New Jersey Congressional Delegation in support of New Jersey as  
36   the location for the commissioning of the SSN-796, will be sent to  
37   the Secretary of the Navy upon the nominee's confirmation by the  
38   United States Senate; now, therefore,  
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40    **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the*  
41    *State of New Jersey:*  
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43       1. The State of New Jersey hereby expresses its support for the  
44   commissioning ceremony and activities of the SSN-796, the U.S.S.  
45   New Jersey, to take place on the Camden waterfront.  
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47       2. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State,  
48   shall be transmitted by the Clerk of the General Assembly or the

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1 Secretary of the Senate to the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of  
2 the United States Navy, the Chief of Naval Operations, the  
3 Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Battleship New Jersey, the  
4 Adjutant General of the New Jersey Department of Military and  
5 Veterans Affairs, and to every member of Congress elected from  
6 this State.

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8 3. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately.