

RESOLUTION NO. 11912-09

RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Newport News, Virginia, wishes to recognize Commander David W. Alldridge and the crew of the USS Newport News (SSN 750) on the 20th anniversary of the ship's commissioning; and

WHEREAS, the nuclear attack submarine USS Newport News was commissioned in June of 1989, after being constructed by the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company; and

WHEREAS, this submarine is the eighth vessel to bear the name of this city, and the third to see naval service; and

WHEREAS, the USS Newport News has provided Tomahawk strike warfare and intelligence support during Operation Desert Storm, Operation Desert Fox, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and during the Global War on Terrorism; and

WHEREAS, the USS Newport News is highly decorated, and has been awarded the Southwest Asia Service Medal with two bronze stars, two Arctic Service Ribbons, the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon with three bronze stars, the Navy Expeditionary Medal with two bronze stars, a Meritorious Unit Citation, a Navy Unit Citation, and the Sea Service Ribbon with one silver star and one bronze star; and

WHEREAS, the motto of the USS Newport News, Magni Nominus Umbra ("in the shadow of a great name") links the ship to the city for which she is named as well as the careers of previous naval ships that have carried the name Newport News.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Newport News, Virginia:

1. That it acknowledges and congratulates Commander David W. Alldridge and the crew of the USS Newport News (SSN 750) and all who have served on board this vessel on the 20th anniversary of the ship's commissioning and for its distinguished and decorated service to our nation.

2. That it hereby directs that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the records of this body and that a copy be delivered to Commander Alldridge and the crew of the USS Newport News.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS ON OCTOBER 13, 2009

Mabel Washington Jenkins, CMC
City Clerk

Joe S. Frank
Mayor

A true copy, teste:

City Clerk