

September 30, 2025

Chairwoman Richardson, Vice Chair Mathews, Ranking Member Lawson-Rowe, and members of the Committee:

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to provide testimony on the importance of supporting House Concurrent Resolution 20 to recognize the notable service and extraordinary courage of the men and women of the United States Navy and commemorate the 250th anniversary of its founding.

Ohio has long played an important part of our nation's Naval history, from the War of 1812 to today. The Ohio-Class Ballistic Missile Submarines are the largest submarines ever built for the US Navy, providing one of the key legs of our nuclear deterrent against our enemies. There have also been various ships and other vessels named after Ohio cities, recognizing the proud history of the US Navy in our great state.

I was raised in a family with a deep Naval history: both of my parents were Naval officers, my brother served in the Navy as well. My father's brother served too. It was only natural then for me to following in their footsteps. Few things I've done in my life have given me the sense of pride and of being part of something bigger than myself than my 11 years serving as a Naval Officer. Every day when I donned my Naval uniform, I knew I was continuing a tradition of service and sacrifice to the United States by other brave men and women from Ohio.

The US Navy does it all – on the seas, on land, in the air and below the seas – and has done so for 250 years. It is a service that is proud to perform whatever mission our country asks of us, and plan to do so as long as needed.

Chairwoman Richardson, Vice Chair Mathews, Ranking Member Lawson-Rowe, and members of the Committee, I respectfully ask for your support of House Concurrent Resolution 20.

Respectfully,

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