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Dear Chairman Johnson, Vice-Chairman Wilson, Ranking Member Weinstein, and Members of the Armed Services, Veterans Affairs and Public Safety Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony on House Concurrent Resolution 20.

This resolution honors the distinguished service and exceptional valor of the men and women of the United States Navy and commemorates the 250th anniversary of its founding.

On October 13, 1775, the Continental Congress authorized the creation of a naval force to defend a young nation. From that moment, the United States Navy has stood as a shield of freedom, projecting American strength across the seas and protecting liberty at home. Over the past two and a half centuries, millions of Americans have worn the uniform, serving with courage and sacrifice.

Ohio's connection to the Navy is both historic and proud. Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry secured victory at the Battle of Lake Erie during the War of 1812. Fleet Admiral Ernest J. King of Lorain led our naval forces to victory in the Second World War. Ohioans like Neil Armstrong, John Glenn, and Sunita Williams carried the spirit of naval service into space exploration. And today, hundreds of Sailors serve in Ohio's Navy Reserve Centers in Akron, Cincinnati, and Columbus.

The Navy's story is also Ohio's story. Our state has lent its sons and daughters to defend the nation, and in return, the Navy has honored Ohio through the naming of ships such as the USS Ohio, USS Cleveland, and USS Columbus.

By passing this resolution, we affirm Ohio's gratitude and ensure that the 250th anniversary of the United States Navy is marked with the honor it deserves.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "N. Santucci".

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