

Senate Joint Resolution 2007

A JOINT RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE PRESERVATION EFFORTS FOR THE BATTLESHIP IOWA,
BB-61.

WHEREAS, BB-61, the USS Iowa, is the namesake for the most powerful class of warships ever made; and

WHEREAS, navy members recruited from Iowa have received preference for assignment to service on board the USS Iowa through most of its service life; and

WHEREAS, the USS Iowa would remain a continuing marketing display for the talented and well-educated workforce in the State of Iowa throughout a period of museum duty; and

WHEREAS, there is now a proposal to assign the USS Iowa to museum duty; and

WHEREAS, former Governors Robert D. Ray and Terry E. Branstad and former Governor and current United States Secretary of Agriculture Thomas J. Vilsack serve as honorary chairpersons of efforts to preserve the USS Iowa as a national museum and memorial, truly a source of pride for all Iowans; and

WHEREAS, those efforts include restoration of the USS Iowa and future service as an educational museum and tourist attraction, and perhaps, with her many facilities still intact, service as an emergency response center; and

WHEREAS, the restoration and preservation of the USS Iowa

will honor all veterans of the State of Iowa, inspire youth, and educate the public; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. STATE OF IOWA SUPPORT. The state of Iowa hereby supports the assignment of the USS Iowa as a permanent naval museum to an appropriate location.

Sec. 2. COMMITTEE CREATED. A committee of ten is created, to be appointed by the governor and to serve at the pleasure of the governor, to support efforts for the preservation and relocation of the Battleship Iowa.

a. The committee shall annually select its own chairperson and establish its rules of procedure. The committee shall meet as may be deemed necessary by the chairperson. A majority of the members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

b. Members shall serve without compensation or reimbursement for actual expenses.

c. The committee shall raise all of the funds necessary for the operation of the committee; and shall solicit donations to be used for the preservation and relocation of the Battleship Iowa.

Sec. 3. ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT. The department of cultural affairs shall provide all necessary administrative support for the committee and shall administer the BB-61 fund.

Sec. 4. BB-61 FUND. A BB-61 fund is created in the state treasury, to be administered by the department of cultural affairs. The proceeds of the fund shall be used for the purposes specified in section 2 of this resolution. The department may accept gifts, grants, bequests, and other moneys, including but not limited to state or federal moneys, and in-kind contributions for deposit in the fund. Notwithstanding section 12C.7, interest or earnings on moneys in the fund shall be credited to the fund. Notwithstanding section 8.33, any unexpended or unencumbered moneys remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund of the state, but shall remain available from the fund for expenditure by the department in succeeding fiscal years for the purposes specified in section 2 of this resolution.

JOHN P. KIBBIE
President of the Senate

PATRICK J. MURPHY
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that this joint resolution originated in the Senate and is known as Senate Joint Resolution 2007, Eighty-third General Assembly.

MICHAEL E. MARSHALL
Secretary of the Senate

Approved _____, 2010

CHESTER J. CULVER
Governor