
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 23, 2021

RESOLUTION

Seeking the return of the USS Pueblo to the United States Navy.

Whereas the USS Pueblo was hijacked in international waters by the navy of North Korea unprovoked on January 23, 1968 in violation of Maritime law marking the first time a ship of the United States Navy was attacked and captured on the high seas in 150 years;

Whereas Petty Officer Duane Hodges was murdered in the violent assault, while the other 82 American service members were held in captivity, under inhumane conditions, for just shy of an entire year thereafter;

Whereas the criminal siege of the USS Pueblo resulted in no reprisals against North Korea and no retaliatory military action taken at any time; and

Whereas the USS Pueblo, though still the property of the United States Navy, has been paraded about, made an exhibition out of, and flaunted in North Korean cities for more than 50 years: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) declare that the USS Pueblo is property of the United States Government and its siege, murder of Petty Officer Duane Hodges, and inhumane captivity of American troops was in violation of international law.

(2) urges the President of the United States and the Secretary of State to make the return of the USS Pueblo to United States custody essential in discussions with North Korean counterparts.