Congress of the United States

House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515-1406

Fellow Hoosiers,

As we anxiously await the commissioning of the USS Indianapolis, I would like to take a moment to thank all the men and women who have worked tirelessly to make this project possible

The USS Indianapolis LCS 17 is to be the fourth naval vessel to proudly bear the name of Indiana's capital city. The first USS Indianapolis was commissioned in 1918. Previous ships to hold the title of USS Indianapolis have a storied history in defending our country, including a heroic campaign in the south Pacific in WWII.

The USS Indianapolis Commissioning Committee has done excellent work in supporting this great endeavor and educating Hoosiers of the great history of this namesake ship. I join with them in encouraging Hoosiers of the Sixth Congressional District to learn more about this historical ship, and to celebrate the USS Indianapolis as she joins our great United States naval fleet.

As a member of Congress, and a veteran of the United States Marine Corps, I wholeheartedly offer my support for the commissioning of the USS Indianapolis. I wish the ship and her crew the best of luck as they take to the seas to defend American liberty around the world.

Sincerely,

Greg Pence Member of Congress