

Senate Resolution 569

By: Senator Chapman of the 3rd

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Commending MT1 Michael Paul Parker for being named the Atlantic Submarine Force Sea  
2 Sailor of the Year for 2006; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Michael has served aboard the USS *Florida* for the last two years during a  
4 major portion of the effort to convert it from a nuclear submarine to one that carries  
5 tomahawk missiles; and

6 WHEREAS, during that time, Michael played an invaluable part in mastering the new  
7 systems and is one of only a few recognized experts on the system's technical and  
8 operational characteristics; and

9 WHEREAS, in addition to his regular duties, Michael also acts as the command career  
10 counselor for the boat, which includes such duties as processing re-enlistments and  
11 retirements and career counseling for the sailors onboard; and

12 WHEREAS, Michael was first selected as Sailor of the Third Quarter for the USS *Florida*  
13 and Sailor of the Year for the USS *Florida* for 2006, then Sailor of the Year for Squadron  
14 16, and after further review, he was selected as Sea Sailor of the Year for Group 10, which  
15 represents all sailors stationed at Kings Bay Submarine Base; and

16 WHEREAS, during the week of March 12, Michael competed for and won the Sea Sailor of  
17 the Year Award for COMSUBLANT, earning him the distinction of being the top sailor for  
18 all submarine forces stationed on the east coast of the United States; and

19 WHEREAS, Michael is a superior leader and mentor, a recognized expert, and an exemplary  
20 command career counselor, having received four Navy and Marine Corps Achievement  
21 Medals, and possesses the attitude of a truly outstanding sailor, demanding excellence from  
22 himself and his peers with his unmatched work ethic and relentless drive to succeed; and

1 WHEREAS, Petty Officer Parker has earned the respect of his shipmates through his  
2 remarkable ability to produce first time quality in a long list of collateral duties, and his  
3 contributions to his boat, the Navy, and the United States have earned him the designation  
4 of Atlantic Submarine Force Sea Sailor of the Year for 2006.

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
6 commend MT1 Michael Paul Parker for his extraordinary accomplishments, thank him for  
7 his service to the United States, and congratulate him for being named Atlantic Submarine  
8 Force Sea Sailor of the Year for 2006.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
10 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to MT1 Michael Paul Parker.