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WHEREAS, Secretary of the Navy Carlos Del Toro announced that the United States Navy's newest Arleigh Burke-class Guided Missile Destroyer has been named the USS Robert Kerrey; and

WHEREAS, Del Toro honors Joseph Robert Kerrey, the former United States Senator, Nebraska Governor, and naval officer, who received the Medal of Honor for heroism displayed during the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Robert Kerrey was born August 27, 1943, in Lincoln, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Kerrey entered the navy in 1966 and was deployed to the Republic of Vietnam as a platoon officer with Delta Platoon, SEAL Team 1 in 1969; and

WHEREAS, Kerrey was leading his team on a mission to capture Viet Cong political leaders when a grenade exploded at Kerrey's feet, severely injuring his right leg; and

WHEREAS, Kerrey continued directing his team despite his injuries and secured an enemy camp; and

WHEREAS, Kerrey served as the thirty-fifth Governor of Nebraska and as a United States Senator from Nebraska from 1989 through 2001.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Legislature honors and thanks Joseph Robert Kerrey for his service and dedication to Nebraska and the United States.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Joseph Robert Kerrey.