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Eric J. Holcomb
Governor

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Fellow Hoosiers:

Indiana is proud of our strong tradition of military service. During war time and peace time, Hoosiers have answered the call in defense of our nation's core values of freedom and liberty.

It is fitting, then, that the USS Indiana, currently under construction, will soon become the first Navy vessel to carry our state's name since 1947. This Virginia-class submarine, set to be commissioned in 2018, is being constructed with parts and machinery from more than 100 Indiana manufacturers from across the state, a testament to the excitement and collaborative spirit felt about this project all over Indiana.

Moreover, the process of bringing this endeavor to life is substantial, the hard work of dozens of Hoosiers who give selflessly to this cause as members of the USS Indiana Commissioning Committee. They continue to work hard to raise resources and engage citizens to support the ship's crew while construction is completed and beyond, and their passion and enthusiasm are certainly contagious.

As Governor, it gives me great pleasure to join all Hoosiers throughout the state in celebrating this enormous honor that the United States Navy has bestowed on our great state. The USS Indiana will be a terrific symbol of Indiana's spirit of service. I stand proudly along the USS Indiana Commissioning Committee and all crewmembers for the dedication that they have shown to this important cause and I look forward to many milestones ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "ERIC HOLCOMB".