

CHAPTER 168

AN ACT designating the USS New Jersey as the New Jersey State Ship.

WHEREAS, The USS New Jersey, also known as the Battleship New Jersey, was launched in 1942 and was engaged in three wars, World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War, and has become one of the most decorated battleships in the naval history of the United States; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the engagement during wars, the USS New Jersey was also deployed in Lebanon, Thailand, and Australia, and was decommissioned in 1991 after an honorable and lengthy service to the country; and

WHEREAS, The USS New Jersey now resides in Camden, New Jersey, as an educational museum, informing the public about the storied history of the ship, and providing children opportunities to learn about science, technology, the arts and mathematics; and

WHEREAS, The USS New Jersey also offers a unique overnight experience to visitors to have a glimpse of life on the ship, where visitors sleep in the bunks used by sailors and eat meals in the mess hall; and

WHEREAS, By designating the USS New Jersey as the State Ship, the State of New Jersey recognizes the vital role this ship played in the country's naval history; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

C.52:9A-11 USS New Jersey designated State ship.

1. The USS New Jersey is designated as the New Jersey State Ship.
2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved July 21, 2017.