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# H. RES. 189

Seeking the return of the USS *Pueblo* to the United States Navy.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 8, 2021

Mrs. BOEBERT (for herself and Mr. LAMBORN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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## RESOLUTION

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Whereas the USS *Pueblo* was hijacked in international waters by the navy of North Korea unprovoked on January 23, 1968, in violation of maritime law, marking the first time a ship of the United States Navy was attacked and captured on the high seas in 150 years;

Whereas Petty Officer Duane Hodges was murdered in the violent assault, while the other 82 American servicemembers were held in captivity, under inhumane conditions, for just shy of an entire year thereafter;

Whereas the criminal siege of the USS *Pueblo* resulted in no reprisals against North Korea and no retaliatory military action taken at any time; and

Whereas the USS *Pueblo*, though still the property of the United States Navy, has been paraded about, made an exhibition out of, and flaunted in North Korean cities for more than 50 years: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2               (1) declares that the USS *Pueblo* is the prop-  
3       erty of the United States Government and its siege,  
4       the murder of Petty Officer Duane Hodges, and the  
5       inhumane captivity of American troops were in viola-  
6       tion of international law; and

7               (2) urges the President of the United States  
8       and the Secretary of State to make the return of the  
9       USS *Pueblo* to United States custody essential in  
10       discussions with North Korean counterparts.

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