

State of Arizona



Legislative Proclamation

ARIZONA SILENT SERVICE DEDICATION DAY

Whereas, the Submarine Service, also known as the Silent Service, has been crucial to the defense of the United States of America since its inception in 1900. Specifically, the US Submarine Service has been instrumental in carrying out critical top-secret missions, providing invaluable real-time intelligence, and acting as a major deterrent, in all theaters of operation, including WWI, WWII, the Korean War, Vietnam War, the Cold War, Desert Storm, Iraqi Freedom, and Enduring Freedom. Although the Silent Service has provided, and continues to provide, heroic efforts to the protection of the United States, their efforts and their sacrifices, by nature, often remain unrecognized; and

Whereas, Arizona service members were among those who served in the Silent Service, seventeen of whom have given their life in the line of duty and remain on Eternal Patrol; and

Whereas, Arizona's special connection with the Submarine Service having the following namesakes: USS PHOENIX (SSN-702), USS TUCSON (SSN-770), and the recently announced USS ARIZONA (SSN-803). In naming the USS Arizona, The Acting Secretary of the Navy, Thomas Modly, stated "It is my fondest wish that the citizens of the great states of Arizona and Oklahoma will understand and celebrate our Navy's desire to memorialize the 1,177 heroes who perished in USS Arizona (BB-39) and the 429 more in USS Oklahoma (BB-37) in Pearl Harbor, on Dec. 7, 1941,"; and

Whereas, Navy Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz, Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet and Commander in Chief, Pacific Ocean Areas during World War II stated "We shall never forget that it was our submarines that held the lines against the enemy while our fleets replaced losses and repaired our wounds."; and

Whereas, the Arizona Silent Service Memorial will be dedicated at the Wesley Bolin Memorial Plaza in Phoenix, Arizona on April 17, 2021; and

Whereas, in view of the foregoing, it is entirely befitting that the State of Arizona recognize the sacrifices made by all United States military personnel who served in the Silent Service, thereby honoring all who have helped ensure the freedoms we enjoy today.

Now, Therefore, Representative Jennifer Jermaine and Representative Kevin Payne invite the Members of the Arizona House of Representatives to join them in proclaiming April 17, 2021 as The Arizona Silent Service Dedication Day.

Dated this 15th day of April 2021

Handwritten signature of Jennifer Jermaine in black ink.

Representative Jennifer Jermaine
Legislative District 18

Handwritten signature of Kevin Payne in black ink.

Representative Kevin Payne
Legislative District 21

