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Fellow Hoosiers,

In my eight years as Governor of the state of Indiana and now as President of Purdue University, I have had the great privilege of working with many people who give of their time, talent and treasure for the betterment of the state of Indiana. I can think of no better example of such dedication and service than the USS Indianapolis Commissioning Committee.

With the USS Indianapolis nearing completion, the ship will soon become the first Navy vessel to carry our capital city's name since 1998. It is a great honor to be a part of this proud Naval tradition, with this vessel representing the Hoosier spirit of resiliency, strength, bravery, and perseverance.

Our great state has a distinguished record of military service, and it is fitting that a fourth ship enter Naval service as the USS Indianapolis. Although many of the first crew members of the USS Indianapolis will not be native to Indiana, I imagine many of them consider themselves honorary Hoosiers because of the support that the Commissioning Committee provides.

The USS Indianapolis Commissioning Committee and the crew of the USS Indianapolis are a source of pride for our state and capital. I am looking forward to the coming fall when the USS Indianapolis will be commissioned and begin her journey of service to our great nation.

Sincerely,



Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.
President