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Mayor John Suthers
President Richard Skorman
Colorado Springs City Hall
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Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Colorado Thirty Group (CTG) I am pleased to present a gift of a bronze sculpture of the Ship's Crest of the USS Colorado (SSN-788) nuclear attack submarine for permanent placement in City Hall. This sculpture is a replica of the bronze in low relief that was given to the crew of the USS Colorado on the day of its christening, December 3, 2016, in Groton, CT.

This gift is intended to honor the men and women who serve on the boat and to remind them of the support and gratitude of the citizens of Colorado for what they do to defend our great nation, and to remind the citizens of Colorado that this boat works tirelessly in the defense of all of us.

The USS Colorado was assembled at the Electric Boat shipyard in Groton, CT, where the christening took place. The Colorado is capable of launching surface-to-air missiles. It is a nuclear-powered boat and will not require refueling during its life, expected to be about 33 years. Its operational distances will be unlimited and the submarine is capable of diving to depths greater than 800 feet. After the christening, the submarine is expected to be commissioned this October or November this year when the USS Colorado will become part of the active fleet.

The crest design was selected from over 140 entries and is the creation of Arvada native and USN Ensign Michael Nielson. He is now serving on the USS Colorado. I have attached a photograph of the piece for your review. Also attached is a copy of the proposed plaque text that describes the art, its artist, and its significance to the State of Colorado.

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The art is 22-inches wide by 16-inches tall. It is made of bronze with a patina finish and weighs 14 pounds. The only maintenance it will need is an occasional feather dusting. The artist, the material, and the casting were paid for by CTG at a cost of \$1,200.00.

This gift is presented unconditionally and permanently to the City of Colorado Springs by The Colorado Thirty Group, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. The mission of CTG is: *"To educate, inform, and foster understanding and cooperation between the civilian community, the government of the United States, and the US armed forces."* CTG was founded in 1978 and consists of 147 Participants from around the state with headquarters in Colorado Springs.

CTG permanently surrenders any and all title to the sculpture. Further, CTG warrants that the art is original, does not infringe upon any copyright, and is free and clear of any liens or financial obligations. As the sculpture will become the permanent property of the City of Colorado Springs, CTG does not provide insurance against damage or loss.

Should the City agree to accept our proposal, we would be honored to present the art to City Council at a time and date mutually convenient.

We are proud of the USS Colorado. This magnificent vessel forever proudly carries the name of COLORADO on its hull, in the Ward Room, and on the uniforms of the men and women of the US Navy who serve on board. We are confident that the bronze rendering of the Ship's Crest permanently mounted in our City Hall will be an appropriate honor to the USS Colorado by the citizens of Colorado Springs.

Respectfully submitted.

Verus gratia,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Donald E. Eddy".

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Proposed text for the plaque that describes the sculpture

SHIP'S CREST OF THE USS Colorado (SSN-788)

This bronze bas-relief sculpture of the Ship's Crest of the USS Colorado is a replica of the sculpture that is permanently mounted in the Ward Room on board the USS Colorado (SSN-788) submarine. The original was presented to the ship's crew during the Christening ceremony on December 3, 2016, in Groton, CT.

The art is the work of USN Ensign Michael Nielson, originally from Arvada, CO, and was selected from 140 entries in a blind competition for selecting the design of the crest. The bronze sculpture is the work of native-American artist, Doug Hyde, a Viet Nam veteran and nationally noted bronze artist.

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**The Ship's Crest; USS Colorado (SSN-788) Nuclear Attack
Submarine**

Christened on December 3, 2016

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