

# Wayne Allard

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## **SENATOR ALLARD INTRODUCES LEGISLATION DEMANDING RETURN OF USS PUEBLO FROM NORTH KOREA**

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-Colorado) introduced a resolution in the U.S. Senate Monday demanding that North Korea return the USS Pueblo, an intelligence ship that was attacked and seized by North Korean naval vessels and MiG jets in 1968.

The attack resulted in the death of one American and the wounding of several more; 82 surviving crew members were captured, held prisoner and tortured for 11 months. The American vessel remains in North Korean hands.

“North Korea’s inhumane treatment of our sailors, and the refusal of Pyongyang to return this vessel should not be forgotten,” Senator Allard said. “It has been more than 30 years since this disgraceful episode occurred, and I believe that the United States government should demand the return of the USS Pueblo to the United States Navy without further delay.”

“I will continue this fight that my former colleague, Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell began, and I look forward to pressing for passage of this resolution during the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress,” Senator Allard said. “I look forward to working with the veterans of the USS Pueblo and their respective veterans’ organizations so that we can take some positive steps towards getting the USS Pueblo back.”

The vessel’s captain, Cmdr. Lloyd “Pete” Bucher, was an eloquent advocate for the return of his ship until his death last year.

A copy of Senator Allard’s resolution is attached.

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