

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

November 28, 2017

The Honorable Richard V. Spencer
Secretary of the Navy
1000 Navy Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20350-1000

Dear Mr. Secretary,

We respectfully request that you name Ms. Ruby Lucas as the Ship Co-Sponsor for the Arleigh Burke-class destroyer DDG 125, the USS *Jack Lucas*. Ms. Lucas is the widow of Jack Lucas, the youngest Marine and youngest service member in World War II to receive the Medal of Honor. As Secretary of the Navy, the naming of ship sponsors is one of the great honors you can bestow.

As you know, your predecessor, Secretary Mabus, already named a sponsor for DDG 125. However, there is recent precedent for you to name additional sponsors. Earlier this year, Acting Secretary Sean Stackley added Mrs. Georgia F. Hudner as a co-sponsor of the USS *Thomas Hudner* (DDG 116). There are also numerous ships in the fleet with multiple sponsors.

We believe that Ms. Lucas fully deserves the honor of being named a co-sponsor for a ship dedicated to the memory of her late husband. We ask you to consider this matter.


Sincerely,



Roger F. Wicker
U.S. Senator



Thad Cochran
U.S. Senator



Steven Palazzo
U.S. House of Representatives