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Mr. Brian Cuccias
President, Ingalls Shipbuilding
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Dear Mr. Cuccias and Ingalls Shipbuilding Family,

Good afternoon!

On behalf of the United States Congress, it is my honor and privilege to welcome the delivery of the America, LHA 6, into the Navy/Marine Corps Fleet.

As a Marine, it brings me great pleasure to note that LHA 6 is truly an American shipbuilding marvel and is certainly worthy of the name "America." She brings to the fleet awesome amphibious and humanitarian capabilities. She is lethal, and she is survivable...able to withstand some of the toughest blows our future enemies may have to offer.

That capability...that survivability...were built into this great ship by America's Shipbuilders...the men and women of Ingalls Shipbuilding. The best warships the world has ever seen are built right here in South Mississippi. I congratulate all of you on your great work, and ask that you continue to build great ships that protect not only our nation, but freedom of sea lanes around the globe.

To Captain Hall and the officers and crewmembers of PCU America, I offer my sincerest congratulations for being assigned this magnificent example of American industrial might. On behalf of a grateful Nation, I thank you for your service, and I wish for you fair winds and following seas as you prepare to take LHA 6 into the Fleet.

Congratulations to all present and involved in this great Navy Day!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steve", written over the word "Sincerely,".

Steven M. Palazzo
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