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RESOLUTION NO. R-280712

ADOPTED ON SEP 2 1 1992

WHEREAS, the shipbuilding and repair industry is declining in the United States; and

WHEREAS, 40 shipyards have closed and 120,000 jobs have been lost since 1981 when the federal government ended commercial ship construction subsidies; and

WHEREAS, foreign governments such as Germany, South Korea, and Japan, provide significant assistance to their shipyards with subsidies as high as 50 percent; and

WHEREAS, local shipbuilding and repair industries such as NASSCO and Southwest Marine Inc. employ over 5,000 San Diegans--but are not operating at full capacity; and

WHEREAS, NASSCO is building the only commercial ship being built in the U.S. this year--of 1,000 commercial ships being built world-wide; and

WHEREAS, foreign subsidies threaten the viability of San Diego's shipbuilding and repair industries; and

WHEREAS, unless U.S. shipbuilding industries gain access to commercial markets, 180,000 Americans and over 5,000 San Diegans will lose their jobs; and

WHEREAS, the Shipbuilding Trade Reform Act (HR 2056) would require subsidized foreign shippards whose ships do business in U.S. ports to repay those subsidies or be penalized by the U.S.

## government; and

WHEREAS, HR 2056 and its companion Senate bill, S. 1361, would also require ships with foreign repair subsidies to pay double the value of the repairs to cover U.S. duties which offset the amount of subsidy; and

WHEREAS, the House of Representatives passed HR 2056 on May 13, 1992; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of San Diego, that this Council hereby endorses HR 2056 and its companion Senate bill, S. 1361, and urges the U.S. Senate to approve HR 2056 in order to preserve and protect the shipbuilding and repair business in San Diego and the rest of the nation.

APPROVED: JOHN W. WITT, City Attorney

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Senior Chief Deputy

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