

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 287598

ADOPTED ON JUL 08 1996

WHEREAS, San Diego has a long association with the United States Navy and Naval Air Forces and was, in fact, shaped by the advances of military aeronautics culminating with the mobilization of production during World War II; and

WHEREAS, an Aircraft Carrier Museum could be used as an ongoing exposition showcasing San Diego's leadership in aerospace and defense technology, an educational resource for school-aged children and to provide an entertainment attraction based on naval aviation history; and

WHEREAS, the aircraft carrier USS Midway has been recently decommissioned, is in good structural condition and will soon be available for purchase as military surplus; and

WHEREAS, the acquisition of the USS Midway and her establishment as a museum would be a fitting memorial to San Diego's own military heritage and its contributions to the efforts of the U.S. Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the Aircraft Carrier Museum would add excitement and maritime ambiance to San Diego's existing waterfront attractions of the Convention Center, Seaport Village, Maritime Museum, and cruise ship terminal; and

WHEREAS, the Aircraft Carrier Museum is projected to attract more than 700,000 people and bring in at least \$50 million in additional revenues to the regional economy; and

WHEREAS, a group of San Diegans has established a nonprofit corporation called the San Diego Carrier Museum, to pursue the acquisition of the USS Midway; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the people of San Diego, does hereby support the efforts of the San Diego Carrier Museum (a nonprofit corporation) to acquire the USS Midway as a permanent museum, educational and entertainment complex to be located in San Diego Bay.

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