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RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 289130

ADOPTED ON SEP 08 1997

WHEREAS, the USS O'Brien, DD725 was named after Captain Jeremiah O'Brien, a Revolutionary War naval hero, whose spirit was very much alive aboard DD725, from her commissioning, through the final days of the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, following her commissioning on February 25, 1944, the O'Brien participated in combat actions from the Normandy D-Day landings in the Atlantic to the Pacific landings on Okinawa; and

WHEREAS, while supporting the Normandy landings, DD725 was struck by an enemy artillery shell but continued to return fire; and

WHEREAS, on January 6, 1945, the O'Brien was hit by a Kamikaze bomber, opening a gaping hole in her port side, but despite the wound, DD725 continued to support the landings; and

WHEREAS, after repairs were completed, the ship again returned to action, and while supporting landings off the island of Okinawa, on March 27, 1945, the O'Brien once again was struck by a Kamikaze bomber, which resulted in 28 deaths, 27 missing, and over 100 injured; and

WHEREAS, following major repairs in the United States, the O'Brien again returned to combat duty in the Western Pacific until the final peace was declared, when in returned home and was decommissioned on October 4, 1947; and

WHEREAS, at the beginning of the Korean War, on October 5, 1950, the O'Brien was re-commissioned and became the flagship for Destroyer Division 132; and

WHEREAS, the O'Brien was involved in naval gunfire support, and search and rescue operations off the coast of North Korea, and remained part of the active Pacific Fleet following the end of the Korean War, participating in numerous military operations; and

WHEREAS, throughout the Vietnam War, DD725 supported ground operations, and conducted interdiction operations, sinking more than 20 Vietcong supply vessels, and during one of these

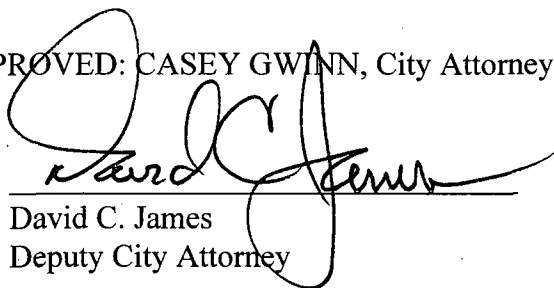
operations, on December 23, 1966, the O'Brien again took three direct hits, killing 2 crew and wounding 4 more; and

WHEREAS, during her active service, the USS O'Brien received 6 battle stars for World War II service, 5 battle stars for Korean conflict service, and 8 battle stars for Vietnam service; an outstanding record for any ship in the United States Navy; NOW, THEREFORE;

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of San Diego, that this Council, does hereby recognize those who valiantly served our country on the USS O'Brien.

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