

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 292853

ADOPTED ON MAR 13 2000

WHEREAS, Captain Edwin McKellar, USN(ret.) will retire on March 4, 2000 after 20 years as Executive Director with the San Diego Aerospace Museum in Balboa Park with a gala and formal dedication of the museum's new Pavilion of Flight; and

WHEREAS, Captain McKellar entered the Naval Service in June 1949 as an Aviation Cadet and has served 30 years with the Navy with distinction and has received many combat awards including The Silver Star and Gold Star, the Legion of Merit, the Distinguished Flying Cross and two gold stars in lieu of second and third award, the Bronze Star with Combat V and gold star in lieu of second award, 30 Combat Strike Air Medals, and the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat V; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Captain McKellar, he took the museum from the disastrous Electric Building fire in 1978 to a prominent museum with a present aircraft collection that numbers over 100 and a membership of over 5000 that includes an extensive library and archives recognized as a premier aeronautical resource center, and an education department recognized as an outstanding learning center; and

WHEREAS, Captain McKellar has personally supervised the development and construction of the Pavilion of Flight addition to the San Diego Aerospace Museum and this project is the most ambitious project that has ever been undertaken by the museum in the past twenty years, when dedicated will consist of a 23,000 square foot of covered courtyard where five aircraft will be on display for the public's enjoyment; 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 recognize the outstanding contributions that Captain Edwin D. McKellar, USN (ret.) has made to the San Diego Aerospace Museum and the citizens of San Diego.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that March 4, 2000 is hereby proclaimed to be "**Captain Ed McKellar Day**" in The City of San Diego.

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