

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 293771

ADOPTED ON SEP 12 2000

WHEREAS, the USS Nautilus (SSN 571) (the world's first nuclear powered submarine), and all those who sailed aboard her, served the U.S. Navy and the nation with distinction and valor for twenty-five years, steaming for more than half a million miles on nuclear power; and

WHEREAS, on January 21, 1954, First Lady Mamie Eisenhower broke the traditional bottle of champagne across the USS Nautilus's bow as she slid down the ways into the Thames River and, on September 30, 1954, the USS Nautilus became the first commissioned nuclear powered ship in the United States Navy; and

WHEREAS, on the morning of January 17, 1955, at 11:00 a.m., EST, the USS Nautilus's first Commanding Officer, Commander Eugene P. Wilkinson, USN, ordered all lines cast off and signaled the memorable and historic message, "Underway On Nuclear Power;" and

WHEREAS, on July 23, 1958, the USS Nautilus departed Pearl Harbor, Hawaii under top secret orders to conduct "Operation Sunshine" the first crossing of the North Pole by a ship; and

WHEREAS, at 11:15 p.m. on August 3, 1958, the USS Nautilus's second Commanding Officer, Commander William R. Anderson, USN, announced to his crew "For the world, Our Country, and the Navy - the North Pole;" and

WHEREAS, with 116 men aboard, the USS Nautilus had accomplished the "impossible," reaching the geographic North Pole - - 90 degrees north; and

WHEREAS, on May 20, 1982, in recognition of her pioneering role in the practical use of nuclear power, the USS Nautilus was designated a National Historic Landmark by the Secretary

of the Interior; and

WHEREAS, following an extensive historic ship conversion at Mare Island Naval Shipyard, the USS Nautilus was towed to Groton, Connecticut, arriving on July 6, 1985; and

WHEREAS, in the year 2000, the nation celebrates the 100th anniversary of the U.S. Submarine Force; 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, hereby recognizes the USS Nautilus (SSN 571) and all who served on board for their sacrifices and exceptional contributions to our nation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Saturday, September 30, 2000 is hereby proclaimed to be "USS NAUTILUS (SSN 571) DAY" in the City of San Diego.

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