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RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 296003

ADOPTED ON JAN 28 2002

WHEREAS, John Paul Ryan was born on January 19, 1922 at Bryan, Texas; and

WHEREAS, in March 1940, John joined the Navy and graduated eleven weeks later from Recruit Training Command at Norfolk, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, John was first stationed aboard the USS Wichita based in Norfolk, Virginia and in 1942, John received orders to serve on the USS Alabama; and

WHEREAS, John reported aboard the Alabama as a coxswain and left as a CBM where he was chief in charge of a rifle platoon from the USS Alabama and was in the second wave that made the landing at Yokosuka Naval Base; and

WHEREAS, John received many commendations and recognitions during his active duty, which included five awards for Good Conduct, Naval Occupation (Japan), Expert Rifle, Korean Service, Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, European African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, American Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, and the United Nations Service Medal; and

WHEREAS, in the USS Alabama War Diary 1942-1944, John was BM1/c in charge of 1<sup>st</sup> Division with his battle station as gun captain of the left gun turret #1, and, nine months later he was promoted to Chief prior to leaving the ship; and

WHEREAS, on February 18, 2002, John and his wife Lee will celebrate their 18<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary; and

WHEREAS, also celebrating John's birthday are John and Lee's children Lonnie, Chris, Dean, Cliff, Mike, Marcella, Martina and Guy as well as their grandchildren; Luke, Julia, Henry, Charles, Stephanie, Christina, Sean, and Elizabeth; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council hereby expresses sincerest congratulations to John Paul Ryan on the celebration of his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.

APPROVED: CASEY GWINN, City Attorney

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