

1 [Urging Support of the Permanent Berthing of the U.S.S. Iowa as a Museum at the Port of San
2 Francisco.]

3 **Resolution urging the San Francisco Congressional delegation to support the**
4 **permanent berthing of the U.S.S. Iowa as a Museum at the Port of San Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, San Francisco's first Mayor, Lt. Washington Bartlett, was an officer of the
7 United States Navy; and,

8 WHEREAS, the first American flag in San Francisco was placed in 1846 by Captain
9 James Montgomery, United States Navy, of the U.S.S. Portsmouth, after which San
10 Francisco's Montgomery Street and Portsmouth Square, respectively, were named; and,

11 WHEREAS, San Francisco has welcomed and sheltered the U.S. Navy for nearly 160
12 years and has celebrated their friendship annually since President Theodore Roosevelt's
13 Great White Fleet visited SAN Francisco in 1908; and,

14 WHEREAS, U.S.S. Iowa is the namesake of the U.S. Navy's illustrious 'Iowa'-class
15 battleships and along with her three sisters, U.S.S. New Jersey, U.S.S. Missouri, and U.S.S.
16 Wisconsin each have visited San Francisco in the past; and;

17 WHEREAS, U.S.S. Iowa was originally selected to be the battleship upon which peace
18 would be achieved in Tokyo Bay in 1945 and was present for the ceremony which marked the
19 end to the greatest human conflict in history; and,

20 WHEREAS, On October 17, 1998, President Clinton signed into law the 1999 Defense
21 Authorization Act with legislation expressing the sense of Congress that U.S.S. Iowa should
22 be homeported at the Port of San Francisco; and,

23 WHEREAS, the California and San Francisco Bay Area Congressional Delegation
24 made possible the \$3 million dollar appropriation in the 2000 Defense Authorization Act to
25 relocate U.S.S. Iowa from Rhode Island to the Bay Area; and,

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1 WHEREAS, U.S.S. Iowa is named after the Great State of Iowa and its Executive
2 Department, in the name and by the authority of the State of Iowa, has proclaimed that only in
3 San Francisco will U.S.S. Iowa achieve global status as the most visited ship in history, and
4 that the citizens of the State of Iowa look forward to the day when people from all over the
5 world can visit U.S.S. Iowa, one of the greatest ships ever built by the American people; and,

6 WHEREAS, U.S.S. Iowa is “President Franklin Delano Roosevelt’s” battleship and has
7 been named the newest FDR site to commemorate the legacy of one of our nation’s greatest
8 leaders – the first Presidential site along the waterfront of a port city; and,

9 WHEREAS, the City of San Francisco and the Port of San Francisco have represented
10 to both Congress and the Navy their desire to berth U.S.S. Iowa at the Port of San Francisco;
11 and,

12 WHEREAS, the U.S. Navy wishes to make U.S.S. Iowa available as a museum at a
13 locale willing to cherish and protect her as a lasting symbol of a proud naval legacy; and,

14 WHEREAS, the Port of San Francisco commissioned a study in 1995, before the
15 waterfront, beautification plan, national baseball stadium, and light rail system were
16 completed, which concluded that over 500,000 people would visit an ‘Iowa’-class battleship
17 during its first year at the waterfront; and,

18 WHEREAS, the permanent berthing of U.S.S. Iowa in San Francisco today would bring
19 many of the over six million residents of the Bay Area and millions of citizens throughout our
20 nation’s most populous state, across the nation, and from afar to tour her; and,

21 WHEREAS, U.S.S. Iowa will offer educational programs for adults and children; and,

22 WHEREAS, U.S.S. Iowa offers San Francisco civic authorities a valuable and
23 indestructible seismic-proof emergency command and communications center following a
24 catastrophic event, as well as offering over 1,000 berths to house those homeless by such an
25 event; and,

1 WHEREAS, no local tax dollars are needed to support this non-profit endeavor to bring
2 economic, educational and cultural benefits to our waterfront and city; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
4 urge the San Francisco Congressional delegation to support the permanent berthing of the
5 U.S.S. Iowa as a Museum at the Port of San Francisco.

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