

1 [Proposed foreign-built U.S.-flag cruise ships].

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3 **Resolution urging the drafting of legislation to provide for foreign-built, U.S.-flag cruise**  
4 **ships in the coastal United States similar to the Inouye amendment for Hawaii.**

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6 WHEREAS, post 9/11 changes in the cruise ship market have made certain United  
7 States ports within driving proximity to large populations of the cruising public more attractive  
8 to cruise ship companies and their customers, and;

9 WHEREAS, the Port of San Francisco is uniquely positioned to benefit from this trend  
10 given its geography and its renowned status as a superior tourist destination, and;

11 WHEREAS, a recent amendment by Senator Daniel Inouye to the FY2003 Omnibus  
12 Appropriation's Bill, (H.J. Res. 2) which would give Norwegian Cruise Lines the right to re-flag  
13 up to three foreign-built cruise vessels under the United States flag for operation in and  
14 among the Hawaiian Islands, and;

15 WHEREAS, separate bills and amendments are now being considered that would allow  
16 for re-flagging of the ships of other companies under the U.S. flag with American crews and  
17 operated by American companies specifically for cruising the coastal United States, and;

18 WHEREAS, a broad coalition of ports, cruise companies, travel agents, industry  
19 associations and labor unions have supported such legislation providing for a waiver of the  
20 foreign-build requirements of the Passenger Vessel Services Act, and;

21 WHEREAS, The presence of U.S.-flag cruise ships on the West Coast would expand  
22 the vacation options for cruising tourists and thereby vastly increase the number of cruise ship  
23 port calls in San Francisco, creating thousands of new jobs ashore and at sea for San  
24 Francisco residents, boosting the economy and producing millions of dollars in tax revenue,  
25 and so;

1           RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors goes on record in support  
2 of United States-flag cruise ships calling in the Port of San Francisco, and;

3           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors supports  
4 legislation to provide for foreign-built, U.S.-flag cruise ships in the coastal United States  
5 similar to the Inouye amendment for Hawaii, and; which would, under this amendment,  
6 promote the use of marine ferry and high-speed marine ferry services, and to allow state-run  
7 ferry programs to apply for federal grants for the construction of ferries, and or related ferry  
8 infrastructure.

9           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors shall forward  
10 this resolution to Representative Nancy Pelosi, Senator Dianne Feinstein, and Senator  
11 Barbara Boxer.