1   [SS Jeremiah O'Brien Day.]

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3   **Resolution declaring June 19, 2003 SS Jeremiah O'Brien Day in celebration of the**

4   **60th birthday of the sole operational survivor of the 5,000 ship armada that stormed**

5   **Normandy Beachheads on D-Day.**

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7   WHEREAS, The Liberty Ship SS Jeremiah O'Brien was built in 56 days in South

8   Portland, Maine and launched on June 19, 1943; and

9   WHEREAS, SS Jeremiah O'Brien made eleven voyages from the United Kingdom to

10   the beaches of Normandy for D-Day 1944; and

11   WHEREAS, In 1946, SS Jeremiah O'Brien was put into the "mothball" fleet at Suisan

12   Bay, California where she laid for the next thirty-three years; and

13   WHEREAS, In 1979, SS Jeremiah O'Brien was re-activated by a volunteer crew of

14   WW II Merchant Marine Veterans; and

15   WHEREAS, In June 6, 1994 the volunteer crew proudly steamed SS Jeremiah O'Brien

16   back to Normandy for the 50th anniversary of D-Day where she anchored off Omaha Beach

17   and welcomed many world leaders aboard, including President Clinton and the First Lady;

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19   WHEREAS, On May 17, 2003, SS Jeremiah O'Brien received the distinguished

20   Maritime Heritage Award from the prestigious World Ship Trust; and

21   WHEREAS, SS Jeremiah O'Brien, a National Monument, is now berthed at Pier 45 in

22   San Francisco and lovingly maintained by a crew of skilled and dedicated volunteers; and

23   WHEREAS, SS Jeremiah O'Brien is a living memorial to merchant seamen

24   everywhere; now, therefore, be it

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1   RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors commends the

2 approximately 300 volunteers devoting countless hours to the preservation, maintenance and

3 operation of this grand old lady who is the last operational survivor of the D-Day invasion in

4 Normandy; and, be it

5   FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors does hereby

6 declare, June 19, 2003, SS Jeremiah O'Brien Day on the 60th birthday of the only Liberty

7 Ship in original configuration still sailing.

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