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5 **Jeremiah O'Brien at its current berth on Pier 45.**

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7 WHEREAS, The S.S. Jeremiah O'Brien was built in 1943 in 56 days in South Portland,
8 Maine and launched June 19, 1943; and,

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10 WHEREAS, On her fourth voyage, during World War II, she was diverted into a shuttle
11 run between England and the newly taken Omaha and Utah beachheads at Normandy where
12 she was the target of at least two bomb attacks and one torpedo attack; and,

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14 WHEREAS, After the war, there were far more ships than needed for peacetime so, in
15 February 1946 she joined hundreds of her sisters in a reserve fleet near San Francisco; and,

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17 WHEREAS, In 1978, the National Liberty Ship memorial, Inc., a California non-profit
18 corporation was formed to restore, preserve, maintain and present to the public, an original,
19 unaltered Liberty Ship, and the S.S. Jeremiah O'Brien met all those criteria; and,

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21 WHEREAS, In 1994, the volunteer crew of the *O'Brien* returned the ship to the
22 beaches of Normandy for the 50th Anniversary of D-Day, a voyage, spanning from April 18, to
23 September 23, 1995, which included 14 port calls; and,

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25 WHEREAS, With an annual budget of approximately one million dollars and a
volunteer crew of 250 people, including certified crew, the S.S. Jeremiah O'Brien is open to
the public seven days a week and operates from Pier 45 offering 9 cruises per year, including
Fleet Week; and,

1 WHEREAS, In order to ensure long-term stability for the O'Brien in the Fisherman's
2 Wharf community and to encourage investment in the facility, the ship must have a
3 permanent berth with a stable longer-range lease; and,

4 WHEREAS, The National Liberty Ship Memorial desires to invest in improvements to
5 the berthing of the S.S. Jeremiah O'Brien to further establish the ship as a major international
6 memorial, tourist destination and training and educational asset for the City and County of
7 San Francisco; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
9 urges the Port of San Francisco to enter into a lease with the S.S. Jeremiah O'Brien for a
10 period of not less than 10 years at its current berth at Pier 45.

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