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5 **of 2007.**

6 WHEREAS, Despite numerous catastrophic oil spills in recent decades, the federal
7 government has not yet implemented a requirement that all oil tankers have a double-hull;

8 WHEREAS, Similarly, the United States Coast Guard has failed to prohibit the
9 discharging of ballast water in the territorial waters of the United States; and,

10 WHEREAS, The discharging of ballast water in coastal and internal waterways leads
11 to the introduction of invasive species and the degradation of our nation's coasts; and,

12 WHEREAS, While ocean going vessels contribute nearly three percent of global
13 warming causing emissions, the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has failed to
14 take a lead in regulating emissions from these vessels; and,

15 WHEREAS, Because the EPA has failed to implement stringent standards for ocean
16 going vessels, Representative Hilda Solis has introduced H.R. 2548, the Marine Vessel
17 Emissions Reduction Act of 2007, which is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
18 in File No. , and is hereby declared to be a part of this resolution as if set forth fully herein;
19 and,

20 WHEREAS, H.R. 2548 will require ocean going vessels to use fuels which contain less
21 than 1,000 parts per million of sulfur; and,

22 WHEREAS, The recent 58,000 gallon oil spill on the San Francisco Bay and the
23 560,000 gallon oil spill on the Black Sea are the latest examples of the environmental
24 damage that ocean going vessels can cause; and,
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1 WHEREAS, Since 1942, the United States Coast Guard has required international
2 vessels docking in the United States to meet stringent safety standards; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors calls upon the federal government to
4 implement environmental regulations for ocean going vessels to address global warming,
5 prevent and minimize oil spills, eliminate the discharging of ballast water at sea and mitigate
6 all other environmental impacts caused by these vessels; and, be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
8 Francisco's supports H.R. 2548 and declares that the bill is the first in a series of necessary
9 steps to regulate the environmental impact of ocean going vessels; and, be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges San Francisco's
11 congressional delegation to support H.R. 2548 and all other attempts by the federal
12 government to decrease the environmental impact caused by marine vessels; and, be it

13 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board directs the Clerk of the Board to send a copy
14 of this resolution to Speaker Pelosi, Senator Boxer and Senator Feinstein.

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