

1 [Commending Captain Brett Elliott Crozier]

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3 **Resolution commending Captain Brett Elliott Crozier, United States Navy, for his**
4 **courageous leadership as commanding officer of the USS Theodore Roosevelt.**

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6 WHEREAS, Captain Brett Elliott Crozier, United States Navy is a native of the Bay
7 Area, hailing from Santa Rosa, and is an alumnus of local public schools; and

8 WHEREAS, Captain Crozier has served the United States with distinction as a
9 commissioned officer since his graduation from the United States Naval Academy in 1992;
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11 WHEREAS, A career naval aviator, Captain Crozier has flown both rotary wing and
12 strike fighter aircraft, served ashore and afloat in deployed environments in support of active
13 combat and peace enforcement operations across the globe, and led sailors throughout his
14 career, including three tours of command; and

15 WHEREAS, Captain Crozier most recently served as Commanding Officer of the *USS*
16 *Theodore Roosevelt* and lead over 4,000 sailors aboard one of eleven nuclear-powered
17 aircraft carriers in the active naval registry; and

18 WHEREAS, While afloat, Captain Crozier faced the unprecedented situation of the
19 COVID-19 pandemic infecting a large segment of his command, and, in his judgement as
20 commander, unsatisfactory support in battling the outbreak of COVID-19 aboard the *USS*
21 *Theodore Roosevelt*; and

22 WHEREAS, Captain Crozier authored a strong and compelling letter outlining the need
23 for immediate action by the Department of the Navy to provide the additional and rapid
24 assistance necessary to ensure the health and wellbeing of the sailors entrusted to his
25 command; and

1 WHEREAS, Captain Crozier made the courageous decision to distribute his letter to
2 senior leadership despite the high likelihood that he would face strong professional retribution
3 as a result of this action; and

4 WHEREAS, Captain Crozier was abruptly relieved of his command as a direct result of
5 placing the welfare of his sailors above that of his career; and

6 WHEREAS, Over 100 sailors aboard the *USS Theodore Roosevelt* tested positive for
7 COVID-19 a day after Captain Crozier sent his letter; and

8 WHEREAS, Captain Crozier's swift actions, immense foresight, and willingness to
9 sacrifice a nearly thirty-year career in service of his country have bolstered efforts to ensure
10 the wellbeing of the *USS Theodore Roosevelt's* crew; and

11 WHEREAS, Captain Crozier has set an example of leadership, courage, loyalty, and
12 integrity for a generation of service members, San Franciscans, and Americans; now,
13 therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors recognizes the valiant
15 sacrifices that Captain Brett Elliott Crozier made to safeguard the sailors entrusted to his
16 command of the *USS Theodore Roosevelt*; and, be it

17 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors commends and expresses
18 deep appreciation for Captain Crozier's courageous actions, leadership, and integrity during
19 his nearly thirty years of distinguished service to his country; and, be it

20 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors wishes Captain Crozier a
21 successful career in his chosen profession and will always welcome him back to the Bay
22 Area.

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