

1 [Urging the Secretary of the Navy to Christen a Ship as the “U.S.S. Dianne Feinstein”]

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3 **Resolution urging the Secretary of the Navy to christen a ship as the “U.S.S.**
4 **Dianne Feinstein,” commemorating Senator Feinstein’s enduring contributions to**
5 **San Francisco, the state of California, and the United States.**

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7 WHEREAS, United States Senator Dianne Feinstein passed away at the age of
8 90 on September 29, 2023; and

9 WHEREAS, Senator Feinstein was memorialized by President Biden, Vice
10 President Harris, the United States (U.S.) Senate, Governor Gavin Newsom, Mayor
11 London Breed, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, and thousands of citizens from
12 all walks of life who honored her remarkable leadership and distinguished career in
13 public service; and

14 WHEREAS, During her memorial service, the United States Navy’s Blue Angels
15 honored Senator Feinstein’s unwavering support of the U.S. Navy with multiple
16 ceremonial flyovers, underscoring her lifelong dedication to both public service and
17 national defense; and

18 WHEREAS, Following the tragic assassinations of Mayor George Moscone and
19 Supervisor Harvey Milk, Dianne Feinstein became the first woman to serve as Mayor of
20 San Francisco in 1978, displaying exceptional leadership during a time of great
21 challenge; and

22 WHEREAS, In October 1981, then-Mayor Feinstein launched a strategic effort
23 known as the "Charm Offensive" with U.S. Navy Admiral Thomas Hayward, aimed at
24 renewing the City of San Francisco’s historic relationship with the U.S. Navy; and

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1 WHEREAS, As part of this initiative, Mayor Feinstein extended invitations to over
2 2,200 U.S. Navy sailors, officers, and the Blue Angels to visit San Francisco,
3 successfully reviving "Fleet Week"—an event that honors the sacrifices of military
4 service members and strengthens community ties with the Navy; and

5 WHEREAS, San Francisco’s deep connection to the U.S. Navy dates back to
6 1908, when President Theodore Roosevelt’s “Great White Fleet” sailed through the
7 Golden Gate, igniting a sense of national pride and admiration that has endured ever
8 since; and

9 WHEREAS, In 1950, the U.S. Navy’s Blue Angels conducted their first official
10 flyover in San Francisco, showcasing aircraft painted black for combat readiness as
11 they prepared for the Korean War; and

12 WHEREAS, Thanks to Mayor Feinstein’s leadership in reviving Fleet Week, the
13 Navy attack submarine *San Francisco* visited the city in 1981, alongside the Blue
14 Angels’ first aerial performance over San Francisco in more than two decades, marking
15 the beginning of a celebrated annual tradition that has continued for 43 years and now
16 draws nearly one million visitors; and

17 WHEREAS, Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi has formally requested that a U.S.
18 Navy vessel be named in honor of Senator Dianne Feinstein, recognizing her legacy of
19 public service and her steadfast support for the Navy and national defense; now,
20 therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors wholeheartedly
22 supports Speaker Emerita Pelosi’s request to Secretary of the Navy Carlos Del Toro to
23 christen a Navy ship as the “U.S.S. Dianne Feinstein,” commemorating Senator
24 Feinstein’s enduring contributions to San Francisco, the state of California, and the
25 United States; and, be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges
2 Mayor London Breed, along with San Francisco's federal representatives, to advocate
3 for this honorable recognition and encourage Secretary Del Toro to take swift action in
4 naming the ship on or before the first anniversary of Senator Feinstein's passing, in
5 tribute to her lifelong dedication to the U.S. Navy and national service.

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