

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 60th**
4 **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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Resolution

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Date Passed:

Resolution declaring June 19, 2003 SS Jeremiah O'Brien Day in celebration of the 60th birthday of the sole operational survivor of the 5,000 ship armada that stormed Normandy Beachheads on D-Day.

June 10, 2003 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Daly, Dufty, Gonzalez, Hall, Ma, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Newsom, Peskin, Sandoval
Absent: 1 - Ammiano

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on June 10, 2003 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

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Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.

Date Approved