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

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

WHEREAS, Captain Crozier has served the United States with distinction as a commissioned officer since his graduation from the United States Naval Academy in 1992; and

WHEREAS, A career naval aviator, Captain Crozier has flown both rotary wing and strike fighter aircraft, served ashore and afloat in deployed environments in support of active combat and peace enforcement operations across the globe, and led sailors throughout his career, including three tours of command; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors wishes Captain Crozier a successful career in his chosen profession and will always welcome him back to the Bay Area.
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May 12, 2020 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Fewer, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Walton and Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was ADOPTED on 5/12/2020 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

London N. Breed
Mayor

Date Approved

05/22/2020

Unsigned

05/22/2020

Date

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without her approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board