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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

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A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING NOVEMBER 13 OF EACH YEAR AS A DAY TO COMMEMORATE THE USS JUNEAU CL-52, THE CAPITAL CITY'S ORIGINAL NAMESAKE, SUNK BY AN ENEMY TORPEDO ON NOVEMBER 13, 1942. LEST WE FORGET.

WHEREAS, the people of the City and Borough of Juneau joined in a beautiful and moving tribute to the USS Juneau CL-52, honoring the remaining five of the ten survivors of the fatal enemy attack which sank the light cruiser 45 years ago during World War II, their rescue pilot, and the son of the ship's captain who perished with his ship, and

WHEREAS, the commemoration began with the arrival on the morning of July 1 of the USS Juneau LPD-10, under the command of Captain Eugene Bailey, to join in paying tribute to her predecessor. Later that day, the honored guests were accorded a hero's welcome on their arrival at the Juneau International Airport, and

WHEREAS, the survivors of the original USS Juneau: Wyatt Butterfield, Arthur Friend, Lester Zook, Allen Heyn, and Frank Holmgren; the rescue pilot Larry Williamson; and Robert Swenson, son of the ship's captain, Lyman Swenson, were the grand marshals of Juneau's 4th of July parade, and

WHEREAS, at 11:00 a.m. on July 5, the USS Juneau Memorial was dedicated to the valiant ship USS Juneau CL-52, her 724 officers and crew, most of whom sacrificed their lives for the cause of freedom, and to the few who survived against great odds, bringing home to the people of Juneau a heritage of honor and courage, and

WHEREAS, the USS Juneau Memorial, by naming those present that black Friday of November 1942, lifted them from their watery graves to a final resting place on the shores of Juneau where a community embraces their enduring spirits;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA:

1. That November 13, and every November 13 hereafter, is established as USS Juneau CL-52 Memorial Day in the City and Borough of Juneau.

2. That a memorial ceremony be conducted each year on November 13 at the site of the USS Juneau Memorial. Lest we forget.

Adopted this 13th day of July, 1987.



Mayor

Attest:



Clerk