RESOLUTION NO. 103-95

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE PERMANENT MOORAGE OF THE USS MISSOURI AT BREMERTON

WHEREAS, Puget Sound is rich in history of the United States Navy, from the earliest days of regional exploration to today's strong strategic presence, and

WHEREAS, the battleship USS Missouri has served with distinction in three of our nation's wars, including the Second World War, the Korean and Gulf conflicts, and

WHEREAS, the instruments implementing the formal surrender of the Japanese Empire, concluding the Pacific War and ending the Second World War were signed aboard the USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay on September 2, 1945, and

WHEREAS, during most of the past 30 years the battleship USS Missouri has been moored at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in Bremerton, thereby allowing many thousands of visitors from all over our nation and world to tour this proud battleship and appreciate the history and sacrifice of the armed forces of our country, and

WHEREAS, the traditional presence of the battleship USS Missouri at Bremerton has engendered strong historic, emotional and economic ties for the citizens of our state.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mason County Commissioners hereby support the continued and permanent moorage of the battleship USS Missouri at Bremerton, Washington and do petition the Washington Congressional delegation to support this effort.

APPROVED THIS 3RD DAY OF OCTOBER, 1995.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

William O. Hunter, Chairperson

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