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**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE NAVAL SHIP
U.S.S. NEWPORT NEWS AS A TOURIST ATTRACTION AND MUSEUM**

WHEREAS, tourism is vital to Manatee County contributing to economic prosperity employment and international trade; and

WHEREAS, tourism ranks as one of Manatee County's top industries in the amount of revenues generated; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 1.6 million tourists visited Manatee County in 1989; and

WHEREAS, tourism provided jobs for some 10,000 people; and

WHEREAS, Captain Robert O'Neill, United States Navy, Retired, and the Naval Veterans of Manatee County have expressed interest in relocating the U.S.S. Newport News Navy Cruiser to Manatee County; and

WHEREAS, the 45 year old U.S.S. Newport News, decommissioned in 1979, is deemed to become a tourist attraction and naval museum for Manatee County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, that this Board supports Captain Robert O'Neill in his pursuit of bringing the U.S.S. Newport News to Manatee County.

ADOPTED with a quorum present and voting this the 10th day of July, 1990.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: Patricia M. Glass
Patricia M. Glass, Chairman
7/10/90

ATTEST: R. B. Shore
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: [Signature]