

State Historical Resources Commission

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-06

RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION

USS *Potomac*

WHEREAS, the USS *Potomac* was built in 1934 as the Coast Guard cutter *Electra*, and the 165-foot vessel, displacing 416 tons with cruising speeds of 10 to 13 knots, was commissioned as a United States Navy vessel in 1936, renamed the USS *Potomac*, and served as Franklin Delano Roosevelt's Presidential Yacht until his death in 1945; and,

WHEREAS, in decline after FDR's death, and one week away from being sold as scrap, the ship was rescued by the Port of Oakland and the process of restoration was begun; and,

WHEREAS, \$5 million was spent over a twelve-year period to restore the vessel as a memorial to the president who authored the New Deal and led the United States during the Great Depression and the World War II years, and since it opened to the public in 1995, more than a quarter of a million people have visited and sailed aboard; and,

WHEREAS, The Potomac Association, an organization run by over 120 volunteers and a small staff of two, is involved in educational programs about the ship for area schools, history and educational cruises, special events cruises, and selected private charters;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that official recognition on behalf of the State Historical Resources Commission is given to the USS *Potomac* Board of Governors for their stewardship, restoration and interpretation of Franklin Delano Roosevelt's "Floating White House"; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be recorded in the minutes of the State Historical Resources Commission and suitable copies presented to the USS *Potomac* Board of Governors.

May 3, 2012

STATE HISTORICAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

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