The Associated Students of the California Maritime Academy

A Resolution of Commendation for Service to the California Maritime Academy by Commandant of Cadets, Colonel Robert W. DeStafney, USMC (Ret.)

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Whereas, The Associated Students of the California Maritime Academy (Association) is the officially recognized voice for the students of the California Maritime Academy (Cal Maritime); and

Whereas, The authority of the Association shall be vested in its Executive Officers and in the A.S. Council; and

Whereas, The Association believes that leadership skills developed by cadets at Cal Maritime come from several important and distinctive avenues, among these, the Corps of Cadets.

Whereas, Essential to the leadership training program at Cal Maritime is the Corps of Cadets, to which every student belongs. Through participation in the Corps of Cadets, cadets develop the self-discipline, self-esteem, and character that will help them succeed in their chosen careers. Being a cadet means being responsible, reliable, punctual, patient, professional, and attentive to detail; and

Whereas, The Association recognizes it is an honor to be a cadet at Cal Maritime and that honor carries with it pride and responsibility that exceeds that of the normal college student. A Cal Maritime cadet is asked to do more, is held to higher standards of personal conduct and professionalism, and is given more responsibility than the traditional college student; and

Whereas, All cadets are guided by the leadership of the Commandant of Cadets; and

Whereas, For two years Cal Maritime has benefited from the leadership, support and guidance of Colonel DeStafney. With his 35 years of service in the United States Marine Corps, an eternal optimistic attitude, stimulating words of encouragement to cadets, recognition and belief of traditions important to Cal Maritime's history, continuous support of Academy events, and eagerness to integrate and understand the life of college campus, Colonel DeStafney has made a positive impact on the lives of hundreds of Cal Maritime cadets; and be it

Resolved, That the Associated Students of the California Maritime Academy call on all cadets, staff and faculty to recognize Colonel Robert DeStafney for his dedication to the California Maritime Academy; and be it further

Resolved, That the Associated Students of the California Maritime Academy urge the cadets, staff and faculty to wish Colonel Robert DeStafney, his wife Roxie DeStafney and family success in all future life endeavors; and be it further

Resolved, That the Associated Students of the California Maritime Academy commend Colonel Robert W. DeStafney for this service to the California Maritime Academy and extend our best wishes for good health and much happiness in the years to come; and be it finally

Resolved, That copies of this Resolution be distributed widely, including, but not limited to, CMA President William B. Eisenhardt, Commanding Officer of US Training Ship *GOLDEN BEAR* Harry Bolton, the Office of Leadership Development, CMA Campus Deans, CMA Vice Presidents, CMA Department Directors, Commanding Officer of the Corps of Cadets Russell Reed, ASCMA Executive Officers, ASCMA Council and the student body of the California Maritime Academy.

Passed and Adopted, *this 17th Day of November, Two Thousand and Ten, by a unanimous vote.*