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Mr. Bert Watson
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Dear Mr. Watson:

Thank you for taking the time to attend the Jacksonville Waterways Commission meeting on Thursday, November 1, and letting us hear about the Adams Class Veterans' Association's efforts to make the ex-USS Adams, a floating museum.

The Commission enjoyed hearing your presentation and voted in favor of the enclosed resolution supporting the establishment of the ex-USS Charles F. Adams as a floating naval ship museum in Jacksonville.

The commissioners look forward to hearing your business plan, mooring location and site plan in the near future. Best wishes for much success with this project.

Sincerely,

William "Bill" Bishop, AIA
Chair, Jacksonville Waterways Commission
Council Member, District 2

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Enclosure

1 Before the Jacksonville Waterways Commission

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4 **RESOLUTION 2007-03**

5 A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A FLOATING NAVAL SHIP
6 MUSEUM FEATURING EX-USS CHARLES F. ADAMS (DDG 2)

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8 **WHEREAS**, at the November 1, 2007 meeting, the Jacksonville
9 Waterways Commission received a presentation by representatives of
10 the Adams Class Veterans' Association, Inc., about plans to bring
11 ex-USS CHARLES F. ADAMS (DDG 2) to Jacksonville as a floating
12 maritime museum; and,

13 **WHEREAS**, ex-USS ADAMS was the first of its class—the first
14 destroyer planned and built as a missile ship; and,

15 **WHEREAS**, Jacksonville has a proud and long association with
16 the United States Navy and the ADAMS, in particular, which was
17 launched in 1959, and homeported at Naval Station Mayport from
18 1969 to 1975 and from 1977 to 1990 when it was decommissioned; and,

19 **WHEREAS**, it would be in keeping with Jacksonville's strong
20 reputation as a "Navy town" that it become the "final homeport" of
21 a ship as renowned as the ADAMS; and

22 **WHEREAS**, establishing the ADAMS as a floating naval ship
23 museum in Jacksonville would benefit the City, the Navy and the
24 public; now, therefore,

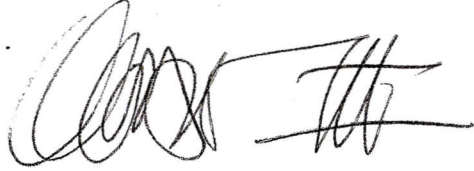
25 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Jacksonville Waterways Commission:

26 **Section 1.** The Jacksonville Waterways Commission supports
27 establishing ex-USS CHARLES F. ADAMS (DDG 2) as a floating naval
28 ship museum in Jacksonville.

29 **Section 2.** The Commission looks forward to reviewing the
30 sponsor's business plan, preferred mooring location, and site
31 development plans. Upon review, the Commission will advise on

1 matters subject to its jurisdiction, including the suitability of
2 any proposed mooring location, which may, but not necessarily, be
3 on the St. Johns River in downtown Jacksonville.

4 **Done and ordered** at the November 1, 2007 meeting of the
5 Jacksonville Waterways Commission.



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8 Bill Bishop
9 Chairman & Council Member
10 District 2

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