A RESOLUTION OF THE CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS SUPPORTING AN ALTERNATIVE METHOD OF
RECOGNITION FOR VETERANS STATUES TO MERCHANT MARINE
SEAMEN OF WW II

WHEREAS, Public Laws 95-202 and 105-368 bestowed veteran status on US Merchant
Marine Seamen of WW II.

WHEREAS, two specific U.S. government actions by US government have caused some
10,000 merchant seamen to have been denied their due recognition:

(1) The USCG relieving Masters of tugs, towboats and seagoing barges of the
responsibility submitting reports of seamen shipped and discharged and

(2) The National Maritime Administration ordered ship’s logbooks to be destroyed
because they were too costly to maintain had removed the two main criteria required by
the government to issue official recognition to those seamen, and

WHEREAS, the average age of the remaining seamen is above 86 and the population of
the US veteran is shrinking at an average of 850 per year causing time to be of the essence, and

WHEREAS, No costs are associated with this proposal as funds area already
included in above public laws.

WHEREAS, this Chatham County Board of Commissioners therefore request that
immediate action be taken to correct this inconceivable action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chatham County Board of
Commissioners supports the attached proposal and so orders that this resolution and attached
proposal be sent to Senator Bob Atwater, Speaker of the House Joe Hackney, Congressman Bob
Etheridge and Congressman David Price and this matter be placed into action to ensure
expedient passage.

Adopted this 1st day of June, 2009

George Lucier, Chairman

ATTEST:

Sandra B. Sublett, CMC, Clerk to the Board
Chatham County Board of Commissioners