

City of Boston IN

CITY COUNCIL OFFICIAL RESOLUTION OFFERED BY CITY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN AND ERIN MURPHY

- WHEREAS:** U.S. Navy Cmdr. Billie J. Farrell is a native of Paducah, Kentucky, and a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Cmdr. Farrell first served as an electric officer aboard the USS Vella Gulf, and later held positions such as weapons officer and combat systems officer at USS Jacinto. She served most recently as the executive officer aboard the missile cruiser, USS Vicksburg; *and*
- WHEREAS:** On January 21, 2022, Cmdr. Farrell will be the first woman to serve as the commanding officer of the USS Constitution, marking a historic first in the ship's 224-year history; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Known as "Old Ironsides", the USS Constitution dates back to 1797 and is the oldest commissioned warship in the country. Today, more than one third of the 80-person crew is comprised of women; *and*
- WHEREAS:** The U.S.S. Constitution works in partnership with the USS Constitution Museum to promote maritime heritage, naval service and educate about preservation; *and*
- WHEREAS:** As a historic city, the City of Boston looks forward to having Cmdr. strengthen the legacy of the USS Constitution, bring its stories to different audiences, and bridge our past naval history to the present and the future; *and Therefore Be It*
- RESOLVED:** The Boston City Council warmly congratulates and welcomes Cmdr. Billie J. Farrell as the 77th Commanding Officer of the USS Constitution, and wishes her much success and fulfilment in this new and important role in the U.S. Navy.

By: Edward M. Flynn
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: _____

Date: 20 January 2022