

RESOLUTION NO. 3210

A RESOLUTION of the Port Commission of the Port of Seattle naming the new cruise passenger terminal facility located on the southern portion of Pier 91 at Terminal 91 the “Smith Cove Cruise Terminal.”

WHEREAS, the Port of Seattle serves as a major homeport for passenger cruise ships visiting Alaska during the summer season; and

WHEREAS, the Port of Seattle celebrated a record of 886,000 cruise passengers and home-ported ten vessels during the 2008 cruise season; and

WHEREAS, the Port of Seattle will inaugurate a new passenger cruise ship facility for the 2009 cruise season located at Pier 91 on a small portion of the 215-acre Terminal 91 complex; and

WHEREAS, the address of the new facility is 2001 W. Garfield Avenue, Seattle, Washington 98199; and

WHEREAS, this Port-owned facility consists of approximately ten (10) acres of pier space and includes a two-story, 143,000 square foot cruise terminal building with two adjacent 1200 foot-long shore-powered cruise vessel berths; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to name the new cruise terminal facility the “Smith Cove Cruise Terminal,” which provides the traveling public with a sense of the facility’s superb waterfront location and rich history; and

WHEREAS, “Smith Cove” is a landmark body of water located in the northern part of Seattle’s Elliott Bay where the Port of Seattle’s Piers 90 and 91 are situated; and

WHEREAS, early Euro-American settlers recognized the development potential around Smith Cove; and

WHEREAS, one of these early pioneers was an Ohio-born physician and poet, Henry A. Smith (1830–1915), who, in 1853, was one of the first white settlers in this area and after whom Smith Cove is now named; and

WHEREAS, the Seattle Lake Shore and Eastern Railroad purchased land from the Smith family in 1884, which was later sold to the Great Northern Railroad (one of the predecessors of BNSF Railroad), which then developed the first waterfront dock facilities known as the Smith Cove Piers; and

WHEREAS, after the new Port of Seattle was formed in 1911, the Port of Seattle purchased the Smith Cove Piers and approximately 20 acres of land from the Great Northern Railroad and later developed two new coal and lumber piers, Pier 40 and 41 (renumbered in 1941 as Piers 90 and 91); and

WHEREAS, the United States Navy acquired the Smith Cove Piers and the adjacent land in 1941 and developed the area north of the piers as a supply depot and a receiving station, which was used during and after World War II to support naval operations, warships, personnel transport vessels and cargo vessels; and

WHEREAS, after the US Navy closed the supply depot at Smith Cove in 1970, the Port of Seattle purchased 198 acres of the supply depot property in 1974, including the piers which are known today as Terminal 91; and

WHEREAS, the Port of Seattle’s existing Smith Cove Park, a public shoreline access park, is also located within the Terminal 91 complex; and

WHEREAS, the Port of Seattle will affix a plaque in perpetuity at the new cruise passenger facility on Pier 91 to commemorate the naming of its newest seaport facility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Port Commission of the Port of Seattle that:

The Terminal 91 cruise passenger facility is hereby is named “Smith Cove Cruise Terminal.”

ADOPTED by the Port Commission of the Port of Seattle at the regular meeting held this _____ of _____, 2009, and duly authenticated in open session by the signatures of the Commissioners voting in favor thereof and the seal of the Commission.

