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International Father's Day Association Inc.

SPOKANE, WASHINGTON

Founded in 1910

November 9, 1943

United States Maritime Commission
Department of Commerce Building
Washington C. C.

ATTENTION--Rear Admiral Emory S. Land,
Chairman of the Board

Dear Admiral Land:

Since our nation has entered World War No. II many of our citizens, good and great, have been privileged to launch our ships of defense, and we, of the International Father's Day Association, of Spokane, Washington take pleasure in advancing the name of Mrs. John Bruce Dodd, of Spokane, the founder of Father's Day, as the sponsor of a ship to be launched in honor of Fatherhood.

Father's Day was founded by Mrs. Dodd in 1910. The Day is now commemorated in every part of America and in many foreign countries. Its high purpose is universally recognized in every civilized country. In May of this year, Mrs. Dodd was chosen to lead the "Billion Dollar Father's Day Bond Drive", sponsored by the National Father's Day Council and National Father's Day Committee of New York, of which Mr. Alvin Austin is Executive Director.

Mrs. Dodd is the daughter and the granddaughter of men who have defended our country. She is the mother of Lt. John Bruce Dodd, now in the service of the United States.

For the reason that she is a Westerner we should appreciate a launching on the Pacific Coast. Mr. Kaiser, the shipbuilder, was formerly a resident of Spokane.

Our Spokane Chamber of Commerce is heartily in accord with this proposal and we refer you to this well established group for references.

Yours for Father,

President, International Father's
Day Association

