[Commending Supervisor Christina Olague]

Resolution commending and honoring Supervisor Christina Olague for her commitment to public service as a Supervisor of the City and County of San Francisco.

WHEREAS, Supervisor Christina Olague represented District 5, which is comprised of over a dozen diverse neighborhoods, including Alamo Square, Cathedral Hill, the Haight, Hayes Valley, Inner Sunset, Japantown, NOPA, and Western Addition; and

WHEREAS, Since being appointed in January 2012, Supervisor Olague has served the City and County of San Francisco with passion, commitment, and an open mind; and

WHEREAS, Since childhood, Supervisor Olague has been a strong advocate for justice, having started her political career in organizing against war, against the proliferation of nuclear energy, and fighting for immigrants' rights in the Central Valley; and

WHEREAS, Over the past 30 years, she has stood against injustice in San Francisco by improving conditions in Single Room Occupancy hotels, preserving affordable housing for low-income people, and ensuring protections for tenants all over San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, From 2005 to 2012, her service as a Planning Commissioner set the bar for implementation of progressive land use policies in San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Olague relied on all of her past experience to fulfill her duties as Supervisor with the highest level of integrity and compassion; and

WHEREAS, Outside of City Hall, Supervisor Olague prioritized each resident of the district and worked diligently with groups across the spectrum to improve neighborhood conditions in efforts to make District 5 safe, clean, and a beautiful place to live, work, and visit; and

WHEREAS, Housing was a high legislative priority for Supervisor Olague and because of her concern for low-income residents in the City, Supervisor Olague worked with the Housing Authority to bring direct services to the sites, fund summer youth programs, build in protections for displaced residents, and televise its Commission meetings for broader public access, greater accountability, and increased transparency; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Olague also worked to finally ensure the housing production of the City was being properly monitored and reported by the Planning Department in order to adequately represent the accomplishments and the needs of the City; and

WHEREAS, Despite not being a voting member on the Budget & Finance Committee, Supervisor Olague ensured the City dedicated funding towards citywide issues, such as homeless youth programs, cost-of-living increases for non-profit workers, and district-wide projects like transitional age youth programs in the Western Addition and improvements to the Fillmore, Haight, and Japantown business corridors; and

WHEREAS, As the only female LGBTQ member of the Board of Supervisors, Supervisor Olague took advantage of every opportunity to advocate on behalf of the LGBTQ community for civil rights and equality; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the officers, employees, and residents of this City, do hereby gratefully recognize and celebrate Supervisor Olague's significant contributions and tireless devotion to this City, and that her independence, intellect, energy, and her proven ability to resolve her District residents' concerns will be greatly missed by all; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be provided to Supervisor Christina Olague as a gesture of the respect and gratitude in which she is held by the Board of Supervisors and to express to her their appreciation for her high-quality work, their thanks for her presence, and their high hopes for her future.