

1 [Commending Giants Manager Felipe Alou's Stance Against Racist Comments]

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3 **Resolution commending San Francisco Giants Manager Felipe Alou for his stance**
4 **against racist comments of Larry Krueger on KNBR and advocacy for Latino players**
5 **and the Latino community.**

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7 WHEREAS, Felipe Alou has spent close to 50 years playing and managing in Major
8 League Baseball; and,

9 WHEREAS, Felipe Alou emigrated from his Caribbean country, the Dominican
10 Republic in 1955 to join the San Francisco Giants system; and,

11 WHEREAS, In his early years of playing baseball in the minor leagues and with the
12 Giants, Felipe Alou had to endure overt forms of discrimination and racism from fans and
13 management alike; and,

14 WHEREAS, Despite this treatment Alou had several break out years, leading the
15 league several hitting categories and becoming an All Star in 1962, 1966 and 1969; and,

16 WHEREAS, Felipe Alou has built on his successful playing career with over a decade
17 of managing in the Major Leagues, making Manager of the Year in 1994, and showing great
18 wisdom, dignity and perseverance that is admired throughout the United States and Latin
19 America; and,

20 WHEREAS, The recent comments about the San Francisco Giants Caribbean ball
21 players by KNBR talk show host Larry Krueger have been condemned far and wide as racial
22 and ethnic slurs; and,

23 WHEREAS, Felipe Alou has used his power and notoriety to refuse Krueger's apology
24 as insufficient to reverse the damage that his comments have created; and,

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1 WHEREAS, Alou has used his office to denounce these comments at the local and
2 national level and to raise the awareness of people across the country about the experience
3 of Latino baseball players as well as all immigrant players and players of color; and,

4 WHEREAS, Such courageous outspokenness and use of position is vital to advancing
5 the dignity of the Latino community and all communities that must endure racism and
6 discrimination; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That San Francisco Board of Supervisors commends San Francisco
8 Giants Manager Felipe Alou for his endurance as a player, his outspokenness as a manager
9 and his stance on behalf of Latino, Caribbean-born San Francisco Giants and the Latino
10 community they honor with their play.

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