

1 [Commending Superior Court Judge John Dearman for his 31 years of distinguished service
2 to the City and County of San Francisco]

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4 **Resolution commending Superior Court Judge John Dearman for his 31 years of**
5 **distinguished service to the City and County of San Francisco.**

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7 WHEREAS, Judge John Dearman moved to San Francisco in 1959 after graduating
8 from Wayne State University Law School and realizing that no law firms in Detroit would even
9 consider hiring an African American attorney; and

10 WHEREAS, Judge John Dearman began a law practice with Former Mayor Willie
11 Brown in 1959 and practiced at Brown, Dearman and Smith for 12 years in San Francisco;
12 and,

13 WHEREAS, In March of 1977, Governor Jerry Brown appointed Judge Dearman to the
14 Municipal Bench; and,

15 WHEREAS, In February of 1979, Judge Dearman was elevated to the Superior Court
16 of California; and,

17 WHEREAS, In 1990 and 1991 Judge John Dearman served as Presiding Judge of the
18 City and County of San Francisco and also served as the Presiding Judge of the Court's
19 Appellate Division; and,

20 WHEREAS, Judge John Dearman has received countless honors and awards
21 including being a member of the National Bar Association Hall of Fame since 2002, the
22 recipient of the 1984 Trial Court Judge of the Year Award and while also receiving the
23 California Trial Lawyers Association's Humanitarian Judge of the Year Award in 1984; and,

24 WHEREAS, Judge John Dearman has been known as the "Dean" of San Francisco's
25 bench for at least a decade and held the title of "Nicest person in the court" for at least

1 twice as long according to his colleagues; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors thanks Judge Dearman for
3 his 31 years of dedication and leadership on the San Francisco Superior Court bench, and,

4 be it

5 FURTHER RESOLVED, That San Francisco Board of Supervisors wishes Judge John
6 Dearman the best in all of his future endeavors.
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