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[Resolution Honoring Belinda Bellinger]

**Resolution commending Belinda Bellinger for her service to the youth of San Francisco and wishing her well until she returns to our great city.**

WHEREAS, Belinda Bellinger began her journey as an activist for social justice at age 15 as a member of Youth Making a Change, the youth organizing project of Coleman Advocates for Children & Youth; and,

WHEREAS, Belinda is a young African American woman raised in Bayview Hunters Point who has demonstrated the power of self-love while working in true solidarity with other people of color and all oppressed people; and,

WHEREAS, Belinda Bellinger has been a powerful leader of the Bay Area Youth Movement for more than a decade, providing leadership to campaigns that have improved the lives of thousands of San Francisco youth; and,

WHEREAS, These youth-led campaigns include creating high school Wellness Centers, Ethnic Studies, YouthSpace, safe citywide youth dances, increasing the student voice in San Francisco elections and policy making within the San Francisco Unified School District, increasing resources to public schools, as well as stopping Prop 21, the "schools to jails" pipeline, and police brutality against young people of color; and,

WHEREAS, Belinda has personally inspired, supported and trained an entire generation of Y-MAC youth leaders and activists in San Francisco over the last decade, and is beloved throughout the Bay Area for exemplifying the highest principles of integrity, humility and love as she struggles for a world of peace, justice and human dignity for all people; and,

WHEREAS, Belinda is now going to the East Coast to complete her college education at Sarah Lawrence College in New York, and plans to return to San Francisco as a teacher

1 working to empower and educate thousands of young people of color in our public schools;  
2 now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors Commends Belinda Bellinger for her  
4 service to the youth of San Francisco and wishes her the best of luck until she returns to our  
5 great city.

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