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1	[Sister Mary Edith Hurley Day - November 15, 2020]
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3	Resolution celebrating Sister Mary Edith Hurley on the occasion of her 100th birthday
4	and declaring November 15, 2020, as Sister Mary Edith Hurley Day in the City and
5	County of San Francisco.
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7	WHEREAS, Aileen Hurley was born on November 15, 1920, in San Francisco's
8	Mission District to Irish immigrant parents; and
9	WHEREAS, Aileen studied at St. Peter's Catholic School from first grade through
10	twelfth grade, and in those years, was known to perform with siblings, Joseph and Margaret,
11	at the world famous Healy School of Irish Dance; and
12	WHEREAS, After being taught for 12 years by the Sisters of Mercy who devote
13	themselves to taking care of the poor, the sick and the uneducated, Aileen joined them and
14	committed to spend her life serving as Sister Mary Edith Hurley; and
15	WHEREAS, In her 81 years as a Sister of Mercy, Sr. Mary Edith's passion was
16	teaching elementary school children throughout California, but she was always happy to
17	return to San Francisco where she taught at St. Peter's Catholic School, St. Gabriel Catholic
18	School, St. Stephen Catholic School, and Holy Name School for a combined 28 years; and
19	WHEREAS, Sr. Mary Edith's devotion by her students is such that when her family
20	wanted to schedule her birthdays, they had to work around a group of senior citizens that
21	faithfully came to gather with their "first grade teacher"; and
22	WHEREAS, When in 1960's religious life went through profound alterations, Sr. Mary
23	Edith was always open to change and trying new things. According to her family, she
24	"embraced the world"; and

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1	WHEREAS, in the days when there would be 50 students to one teacher in a class, Sr.
2	Mary Edith was known for bravely leading field trips; her famous elevated "teaching chair" was
3	so cherished by other educators that it has been passed to three different teachers, each of
4	whom has taken inspiration from Sr. Mary Edith's enthusiasm; and
5	WHEREAS, Upon retirement, Sr. Mary Edith travelled for some years to the Sisters of
6	Mercy communities in Australia, and discovered new inspiration for decades more
7	commitment and devotion; and
8	WHEREAS, Sr. Mary Edith returned to San Francisco from that sojourn Down Under,
9	at the age of 70 wrote a grant for Holy Name School's first Computer Lab, and continued to
10	staff the Computer program until she was 80; and
11	WHEREAS, Sr. Mary Edith has endured the COVID-19 Shelter order with grace, she
12	also has the skills to continue to email and FaceTime with her community; and
13	WHEREAS, Sr. Mary Edith's pride in her Irish heritage is reflected in her chaplaincy for
14	both the Hibernians, and the Rebel Cork Ladies; and
15	WHEREAS, Sr. Mary Edith has experienced disappointment that pandemic isolation
16	requires the suspension of a live party for her 100 birthday; now, therefore be it
17	RESOLVED, That in recognition of her 100th birthday and lifelong devotion to
18	educating children and to the Catholic faith and Irish community, the Board of Supervisors of
19	the City and County of San Francisco does hereby proclaim November 15, 2020, to be Sister
20	Mary Edith Hurley Day.
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Introduction Form

By a Member of the Board of Supervisors or Mayor

Time stamp or meeting date I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one): 1. For reference to Committee. (An Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Charter Amendment). 2. Request for next printed agenda Without Reference to Committee. 3. Request for hearing on a subject matter at Committee. 4. Request for letter beginning: "Supervisor inquiries" 5. City Attorney Request. from Committee. 6. Call File No. 7. Budget Analyst request (attached written motion). 8. Substitute Legislation File No. 9. Reactivate File No. 10. Topic submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the BOS on Please check the appropriate boxes. The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following: Small Business Commission ☐ Youth Commission Ethics Commission **Building Inspection Commission** Planning Commission Note: For the Imperative Agenda (a resolution not on the printed agenda), use the Imperative Form. Sponsor(s): Mar Subject: Sister Mary Edith Hurley Day – November 15 The text is listed: Resolution celebrating Sister Mary Edith Hurley on the occasion of her 100th birthday, and declaring November 15, 2020, as Sister Mary Edith Hurley Day Day in the City and County of San Francisco.

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