

1 [Commemoration.]

2

3 **Resolution commemorating Brown v. Board of Education statewide celebration May 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
4 **and 4<sup>th</sup> 2004.**

5

6 WHEREAS, May 17, 1954, 50 years ago, the Supreme Court under the Chief Justice  
7 of Earl Warren read the unanimous decision, Brown v. Board of Education, banned  
8 segregation in public schools; and,

9 WHEREAS, Other states joining the NAACP challenge to Plessy v. Ferguson, which  
10 allowed separate but equal schools were South Carolina, Virginia and Delaware, which paved  
11 the way for equality in education and nearly every other aspect of American life; and,

12 WHEREAS, The California Legislature created the “Brown v. Board of Education of  
13 Topeka Advisory Commission” to join in the national celebrations of this historic decision;  
14 and,

15 WHEREAS, The Legislative Black and Latino Caucuses have endorsed a celebration  
16 in Sacramento for May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, 2004 sponsored by the California NAACP and the  
17 Educational Testing Service, along with other sponsors; and,

18 WHEREAS, The events to commemorate and pay tribute to the decision for equality in  
19 education that will allow for children of all ages that are not aware or don't understand how  
20 important this decision was for children of all races and our country; and,

21 WHEREAS, This statewide celebration will demonstrate how this decision has helped  
22 our country to deal with issues pertaining to human rights, equality compassion, tolerate and  
23 cultural competence; now, therefore, be it

24

25

1           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
2 recognize the great progress that flowed from the decision and that we rededicate ourselves  
3 to the continuing struggle for quality education for all.

4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25