

1 [Mary Risley and Tante Marie Day]

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3 **Resolution proclaiming April 26, 2009 as “Mary Risley and Tante Marie Day” in San**
4 **Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, Mary Risley, Founder and Director of Food Runners, started Tante Marie’s
7 Cooking School, in April, 1979, at 271 Francisco Street, as a full-time culinary school training
8 people for a career in cooking; and,

9 WHEREAS, BON APPETIT magazine awarded Mary Risley Cooking Teacher of
10 the

11 Year in 1998 at their first Annual Food & Entertainment Awards; and,

12 WHEREAS, Mary Risley started Food Runners in 1987 a volunteer organization that
13 offers the service of picking up excess food from businesses in San Francisco and delivering
14 it to neighborhood food programs; and,

15 WHEREAS, In 1998, The San Francisco Chronicle named Mary Risley one of
16 the ten most influential in the Bay Area; and,

17 WHEREAS, In 1999, Mary Risley received the “Humanitarian of the Year” award
18 from the James Beard Foundation in New York City for her work with Food
19 Runners; and

20 WHEREAS, Mary Risley and the chef/instructors of Tante Marie’s Cooking School has
21 trained and launched over 1,500 professional students in the field of food and cooking; now,
22 therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors commends Mary Risley for
24 her many years of dedicated service to the City and County of San Francisco and hereby
25 proclaims April 26th, 2009 as “Mary Risley and Tante Marie Day”

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