[Commending the Rabbis of the Jewish Reform Movement]

COMMENDING THE RABBIS OF THE JEWISH REFORM MOVEMENT FOR VOTING

OVERWHELMINGLY TO SUPPORT SAME-SEX CEREMONIES AT THIS YEAR'S

CENTRAL CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN RABBIS.

WHEREAS, The Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR) represents Reform Judaism, the nation's largest Jewish denomination with more than 1.5 million members; and,

WHEREAS, The CCAR recently voted on a resolution introduced by the Women's Rabbinic Network to affirm that a Jewish same gender couple is worthy of affirmation through appropriate Jewish ritual and to direct the conference to produce educational materials and a new liturgy for same-sex ceremonies; and,

WHEREAS, The resolution passed overwhelmingly, allowing individual rabbis and congregations throughout the United States to perform the ceremonies, but not requiring them to do so; and,

WHEREAS, This historic vote makes the Reform movement the third major religious denomination to adopt a national policy allowing same-sex ceremonies, following the Unitarian Universalist Association and the United Church of Christ, and is a model for other religious denominations to follow; and,

WHEREAS, The Reform movement has taken other courageous stands in the past, including allowing the ordination of women in 1973 and voting in 1990 to open their rabbinic ranks to gay and lesbian clergy; therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco hereby commends the rabbis of the Jewish Reform movement for voting overwhelmingly to support same-sex ceremonies at this year's Central Conference of American Rabbis.



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Resolution

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		he Jewish Reform movement for voting overwhelmingly to ear's Central Conference of American Rabbis.
April 10, 200	00 Board of Supervise Ayes: 11 - Ammia Teng, Yaki, Yee	ors — ADOPTED no, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom,
	File No. 000604	I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on April 10, 2000 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.
	APR 21 2000	Gloria L. Young Clerk of the Board

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.

Date Approved