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INTRODUCTION FORM

By a member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor

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I hereby submit the following item for introduction:
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 Committee hearing on a subject matter
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11. Question(s) 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
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Building Inspection Commission
Note: For the Imperative Agenda (a resolution not on the printed agenda), use a different form.
Sponsor(s): Supervisors Elsbernd, Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Chu, (continued below)
Subject: Resolution supporting the renaming of Speedway Meadow in Golden Gate Park as F.
Warren Hellman Meadow.
The text is listed below or attached:
List of Sponsors continued: Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Mirkarimi, Wiener
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Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor:
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Gate Park's Speedway Meadow as Hellman Meadow.

Resolution honoring Warren Hellman and supporting the decision to rename Golden

[Honoring Warren Hellman - Renaming Speedway Meadow as Hellman Meadow]

WHEREAS, San Francisco's renown as a great city derives from the extraordinary, ordinary individuals who devote their talent, treasure or entrepreneurial skill to the overall benefit of all who call her home; and

WHEREAS, Among those who have enriched San Francisco and her citizenry are a rare few whose contributions extend across educational, cultural, recreational development and enrichment and include government solvency and civic harmony; and

WHEREAS, Such contributions to our civic well-being are often hampered by vigorous debate, cynicism, and derision and so require purposefulness, fortitude and an unfailing sense of humor to carry on; and

WHEREAS, Many have turned away from the contention, forsaking the opportunity to improve the City and abandoning their best intentions, it is only fitting that we recognize Warren Hellman as a man who chooses to stay in the fight through many of San Francisco's most difficult and enduring challenges; and

WHEREAS, There was a time when our public schools were in decline, Warren, a Lowell High School graduate, refused to turn his back on 56,000 city kids and led the decadelong drive to reform management, reinvest in the facilities and reward school success; today, San Francisco schools are better than they've been in decades; and

WHEREAS, There was a time when our public parks were neglected and considered unsafe, Warren championed efforts to restore the park system and empower neighbors to

steward their open spaces; today, San Francisco parks are used more, accessible to more people and in better shape than they've been in decades; and

WHEREAS, There was a time when the California Academy of Sciences and the DeYoung Museum contemplated leaving Golden Gate Park, Warren saw the bigger picture and improved the Park and supported reimagining of the museums and their surroundings; and

WHEREAS, Warren and his family have fostered the well-being of thousands at the San Francisco Free Clinic who would otherwise lack care; and

WHEREAS, Warren's dedication to the UC system that educated him and his devotion to progress through curiosity, science and scholarship has resulted unique and gamechanging research through the Hellman Fellows and the work at UCSF's Memory and Aging Center; and

WHEREAS, Warren refused to accept that San Francisco was a city like any other and forged a coalition of business, labor, non-profits and city officials to reform the City's pension structure, delving in to the accounting and the politics with complete commitment; teaching us all that even the most difficult problems can be resolved if we act together; and

WHEREAS, Warren saw each of these efforts to fruition, he also gathered new friends along the way; he is a runner who found new friends on bicycles, a businessman who built new alliances with labor, a modern dance fan who paired athletes with dancers; and

WHEREAS Warren's annual Hardly Strictly Bluegrass festival in Golden Gate Park, a free party for a few hundred thousand of his closest friends, brings the musical low down to his high brow hometown, featuring world-class musicians playing for several "summer" October days in the greatest park in the world; and

WHEREAS, Many people would have delighted in these accomplishments and proudly retired, Warren learned how to play the banjo, formed a band and became a touring musician recently featured on A Prairie Home Companion; and

WHEREAS, Warren Hellman embodies his own standard to "give where you live," let our city now recognize this one of a kind public servant whose ability to muster public will and participation in seemingly impossible civic ventures remains unparalleled in our history; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, in recognition of Warren Hellman's leadership in education, cultural and lively arts, and economic prosperity for all, and for his great taste in music, supports the decision to rename Golden Gate Park's Speedway Meadow as Hellman Meadow and encourages the Recreation and Parks Commission to take that action.