

1 [Honoring Mary Cervantes for her 100th Birthday]

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3 **Resolution honoring Mary Cervantes on the occasion of her 100th birthday; and**
4 **recognize her lifetime of resilience, service, and devotion to family and community in**
5 **the City and County of San Francisco.**

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7 WHEREAS, Mary Cervantes was born in Los Angeles, California, into a Mexican
8 American family of thirteen children whose parents immigrated to the United States from
9 Culiacán, Sinaloa, Mexico, and was raised during the hardships of the Great Depression,
10 when many Latino families faced economic insecurity and discrimination; and

11 WHEREAS, Mary attended St. Vibiana’s Cathedral School and graduated from Bishop
12 Conaty High School in the 1940s, where she studied business administration and
13 bookkeeping before beginning a professional career that would span decades and included
14 positions of increasing responsibility and office management; and

15 WHEREAS, Throughout her life, Mary contributed to her family’s stability, helping her
16 parents purchase their first home while balancing full-time employment, raising children,
17 managing a household, sewing clothing for her family, and maintaining financial records for
18 multiple businesses; and

19 WHEREAS, In the 1950s, Mary married Lawrence Cervantes, a World War II veteran,
20 and together they built a home and raised a family, utilizing the opportunities afforded through
21 his military service to establish lasting stability for future generations; and

22 WHEREAS, Following the passing of her husband, Mary made San Francisco her
23 home and became a proud resident of the Mission District and Bernal Heights neighborhoods,
24 where she embraced the city’s neighborhoods, culture, and sense of community; and

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1 WHEREAS, Mary continues to give back through acts of generosity and service,
2 including crocheting children’s hats for holiday donation programs, serving families in need,
3 and remaining an active source of wisdom, support, and family history for multiple generations
4 of relatives throughout San Francisco and the Bay Area; and

5 WHEREAS, Mary Cervantes’ century of perseverance, dedication to family,
6 commitment to service, and enduring contributions to her community serve as an inspiration
7 to all San Franciscans; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
9 herby honors Mary Cervantes on the occasion of her 100th birthday and recognize her lifetime
10 of resilience, service, and devotion to family and community; and, be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors extends its highest
12 commendation and warmest congratulations to Mary Cervantes and her family as they
13 celebrate this remarkable milestone and her enduring legacy.

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