

1 [Commending Congresswoman Jackie Speier]

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3 **Resolution commending Congresswoman Jackie Speier on the occasion of her**
4 **retirement from the United States Congress after 14 years as a Member of the United**
5 **States House of Representatives, and nearly 40 years as an elected leader for the San**
6 **Francisco Bay Area.**

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8 WHEREAS, Congresswoman Speier began her career in public service as an aide to
9 California Representative Leo Ryan; and

10 WHEREAS, In 1978, Congresswoman Speier accompanied Congressman Ryan on a
11 trip to Jonestown in Guyana to rescue San Francisco and other Bay Area residents from cult
12 leader Jim Jones, after receiving reports of abuse and hostage taking by Jim Jones and
13 member of his Cult, the People’s Temple Cult; and

14 WHEREAS, Congressman Ryan and several others in the official delegation were
15 killed, over 900 members of the People’s Temple Cult also died, and Congresswoman Speier
16 was shot five times; and

17 WHEREAS, This tragedy led Congresswoman Speier to choose to be a survivor and
18 led to her first attempt at public office, running in the special election for Congressman Ryan’s
19 seat after his death; and

20 WHEREAS, While Congresswoman Speier ultimately lost that election, it inspired her
21 to run for local office; and

22 WHEREAS, Congresswoman Speier was first elected to the San Mateo County Board
23 of Supervisors in 1980, defeating a 20-year incumbent; and

24 WHEREAS, Congresswoman Speier was the youngest person elected to the San
25 Mateo County Board of Supervisors at the time; and

1 WHEREAS, Congresswoman Speier was elected to the California State Assembly in
2 1986, representing northern San Mateo County, where she served five terms; and

3 WHEREAS, In 1998, Congresswoman Speier was elected to the California State
4 Senate where she served two terms; and

5 WHEREAS, During her time in the California State Legislature, Congresswoman
6 Speier had over 300 bills signed into law by both Democratic and Republican Governors; and

7 WHEREAS, As a member of the California State Legislature, Congresswoman Speier
8 was a champion for women and children, she authored laws that created the modern
9 California Child Care licensing system, created the first regulations for car seats and life
10 preservers for children, created the fund to prevent childhood injury, passed the law requiring
11 that physicians be mandatory reporters for suspected domestic violence, authored the statute
12 to require women’s contraception be covered by insurance policies; and reformed the Child
13 Support regulations, increasing child support payments by \$800 million over three years, and
14 floor-jockeyed the California Assault Rifle Ban through the California Senate floor; and

15 WHEREAS, As a California State Legislator, Congresswoman Speier also fought for
16 consumer protections, passing the strongest law to prevent the sale of personal financial
17 information, and prevented price discrimination in services for women; and

18 WHEREAS, In 2008, Congresswoman Speier was elected to Congress; and

19 WHEREAS, During her tenure in Congress, Congresswoman Speier has been a
20 champion for her district, she has fought for consumer rights, voted against big banks and
21 ended their taxpayer bailouts; eliminated wasteful and fraudulent spending from the federal
22 government, particularly the Department of Defense; fought for justice for service members
23 who are survivors of sexual assault and transgender service members experiencing
24 discrimination; fought relentlessly for the LGBTQ+ community, appeared at San Francisco
25 City Hall in 2008 to marry couples and returned in 2015, after the Supreme Court overturned

1 Prop 8 to officiate more ceremonies; fought for women’s rights, brought the Me Too
2 reckoning to Congress, championed the Equal Rights Amendment, fought for abortion rights,
3 was the first member to talk about her own abortion on the House floor, and fought for
4 investments in childcare and paid leave; fought against the gun lobby, serving as Co-Chair of
5 the Gunviolence Prevention Taskforce and co-sponsored multiple gun buybacks; and
6 protected privacy rights for victims of cyber-attacks and revenge porn; and

7 WHEREAS, In direct service of San Francisco, Congresswoman Speier championed
8 the safety of all residents by taking on Pacific Gas & Electric after the 2010 San Bruno
9 explosion, resulting in many miles of failing PG&E lines being replaced in San Francisco;
10 succeeded in increasing federal funding for the San Francisco Bay Restoration program;
11 supported public transportation, securing tens of millions of dollars for SF Muni and Caltrain;
12 and sought review by the General Accountability Office of a Trump-era decision to fine San
13 Francisco for alleged water quality violations; and

14 WHEREAS, Congresswoman Jackie Speier has dedicated her life to public service;
15 now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That Congresswoman Speier is retiring from the United States Congress
17 after 14 years as a Member of the United States House of Representatives, and nearly forty
18 years as an elected leader in the San Francisco Bay Area; and, be it

19 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
20 Francisco extends its deepest appreciation and commends Congresswoman Jackie Speier for
21 her nearly 40 years of distinguished and dedicated service as a representative for San
22 Francisco and the Bay Area; and, be it

23 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors for the City and County of San
24 Francisco declare Tuesday, November 8, 2022 as Jackie Speier day in the City and County of
25 San Francisco.