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[Commemorating the Bicentennial Year of the Latino Press in the U.S.]

Resolution commemorating the Bicentennial Year of the Latino Press in the United States, and acknowledging the rich contributions of Latinos in the history of American journalism.

WHEREAS, The visibility of today's Latino press is tied to the two centuries of publishing that began with the nation's first Latino newspaper, *El Misisipí*, founded in New Orleans on September 7, 1808; and

WHEREAS, Today, there are more than 800 Latino newspapers found in Latino communities across this country. Some are daily newspapers, but most are weekly publications. Some of these rely on an army of volunteers that include students who serve as writers, photographers, translators, and graphic designers; and,

WHEREAS, A June 2004 survey of the National Association of Hispanic Journalists (NAHJ) found that the majority of Spanish-language professionals are dedicated and have a strong commitment to working for Latino-oriented media. Journalists and managers working at Spanish-language news media are extremely motivated and have a desire to inform, as well as educate their community; and,

WHEREAS, The growth of Latino newspapers in the U.S. over the past 200 years has served to not only chronicle Latino daily life, but to champion against political, social, and economic injustices; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco goes on record in commemorating the "Bicentennial Year of the Latino Press in the U.S."; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco acknowledges the rich contributions of Latinos in the history of American journalism, and celebrates the continued excellence of Latino newspaper publishing in our City by the Bay.

Supervisor David Campos BOARD OF SUPERVISORS