

1 ["Bill Cook Day" Resolution]

2 A MEMORIAL TRIBUTE AND CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF WILLIAM BOX COOK  
3 AND DESIGNATING JANUARY 18, 1999, AS "BILL COOK DAY".

4 WHEREAS, William Box Cook, began his career in San Francisco  
5 where he served as a program manager for Mayors George Moscone and  
6 Dianne Feinstein from 1976 to 1979; and

7 WHEREAS, He was one of the founders of the Bay Area Dance  
8 Coalition; and

9 WHEREAS, He was appointed Director of the California Arts  
10 Council by Governor Jerry Brown; and

11 WHEREAS, Under Bill Cook's leadership, the agency grew from  
12 under \$2 Million to a budget of nearly \$13 Million, a figure which  
13 was not exceeded until this year; and

14 WHEREAS, After leaving the Arts Council, Bill Cook returned to  
15 San Francisco where he became the Founding Director of Theatre  
16 Artaud, raising money to renovate the facility and establishing it as  
17 a forum for experimental theatre, contemporary dance and interdisci-  
18 plinary art; and

19 WHEREAS, Bill Cook also acted as producer of the 1987 San  
20 Francisco New Performance Festival, presenting a combination of  
21 local, national and international artists, including the West Coast  
22 premiere of Anthony Davis' Opera, "X (The Life and Times of Malcolm  
23 X)", The San Francisco Mime Troupe, commissioned performance of  
24 George Coates' "Actual Sho", Japanese choreographer Kuniko Kisanuki,  
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1 the first local appearance of Australia's Circus Oz, and Murray  
2 Mednick's full "Coyote Cycle", performed in the Marin Headlands; and

3 WHEREAS, Bill Cook went on to produce the "San Francisco  
4 Festival" at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in  
5 Washington, D.C., giving many San Francisco artists and  
6 organizations, including George Coates, Theatre Rhinoceros, ODC San  
7 Francisco, and The Ethnic Dance Festival, their first national  
8 exposure; and

9 WHEREAS, During 1988-1989, Bill Cook consulted with the San  
10 Francisco Redevelopment Agency on the architectural design and  
11 initial programming agenda, and developed the initial prospectus for  
12 the Yerba Buena Center for the Arts; and

13 WHEREAS, After leaving San Francisco in 1989, Bill Cook became  
14 Associate Director of the Wexner Center for the Arts at Ohio State  
15 University in Columbus, Ohio; and

16 WHEREAS, Immediately prior to moving to Chicago, Bill Cook had  
17 been the Executive Director of the Cunningham Dance Foundation in New  
18 York, where he supervised all activities of the Merce Cunningham  
19 Dance Company, producing annual seasons in New York, London, Paris  
20 and California, as well as coordinating collaborations with artists  
21 Roy Lichtenstein, Rei Kawakoubo and Brian Eno; and

22 WHEREAS, Bill Cook was a board member of the Kronos Quartet and  
23 the American Arts Alliance and was sought after as a panelist and  
24 speaker by such organizations as the National Endowment for the Arts,  
25 the Rockefeller Foundation, the National Assembly of State Arts

1 Agencies, and the Association of Performing Arts Presenters, among  
2 many others; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the People of the City and County of San  
4 Francisco express their deepest appreciation of William Box Cook for  
5 his numerous contributions to the City and to the world of art, and  
6 be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, That January 18, 1999, be designated as "Bill  
8 Cook" Day.



# City and County of San Francisco

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## Tails

## Resolution

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**File Number:** 990054

**Date Passed:**

Resolution celebrating a memorial tribute and celebration of the life of William Box Cook and designating January 18, 1999, as "Bill Cook Day".

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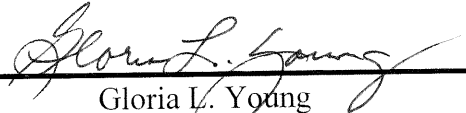
January 19, 1999 Board of Supervisors — SEVERED FROM FOR ADOPTION WITHOUT  
COMMITTEE REFERENCE AGENDA

January 19, 1999 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Medina, Newsom,  
Teng, Yaki, Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on January 19, 1999 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.



Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board

JAN 22 1999

Date Approved



Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.