

1 [Shan-Yee Poon School of Performing Arts Day - May 17, 2014]

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3 **Resolution commending Shan-Yee Poon School of Performing Arts on the occasion of its**
4 **25th Anniversary and declaring May 17, 2014, as Shan-Yee Poon School of Performing Arts**
5 **Day in the City and County of San Francisco.**

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7 WHEREAS, Shan-Yee Poon School of Performing Arts, directed by Ms. Shan-Yee
8 Poon, a graduate of the prestigious Royal Ballet School in London, is located in the heart of
9 San Francisco’s Inner Richmond District; and

10 WHEREAS, Shan-Yee Poon began teaching at the Chinese Cultural Center 1986 with
11 a few students attending a couple of classes, which rapidly expanded to the need of opening
12 her own school; and

13 WHEREAS, “The Shan-Yee Poon Ballet School” opened in 1989 in a one-room studio
14 in the Sunset District, which evolved into the “American Festival Ballet” Youth Dance
15 Company that performed all over the Bay Area; and

16 WHEREAS, in 1996 the school moved to its present location in the Inner Richmond to
17 meet the rapidly growing needs by expanding to three large palace ballroom style studios, 15
18 levels of ballet program, and bringing additional dance genres to the curriculum; and

19 WHEREAS, Many talented teachers were added to the faculty to develop a rich and
20 comprehensive dance program, expanding its vision to include a well rounded dance
21 education to prepare students for all dance career opportunities; and

22 WHEREAS, in 2013 the school adopted the current name of Shan-Yee Poon School of
23 Performing Arts; and

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1 WHEREAS, Many talented students have come through this school in the past 25
2 years, with Miss Crystal Lee, who presently holds the title of Miss California 2013 and first
3 runner up to Miss America 2014, as one of their most successful alumnae; and

4 WHEREAS, Shan-Yee Poon School of Performing Arts believes it is important for
5 dancers to not only develop outstanding dance skills but that they also develop a disciplined
6 work ethic, self-confidence, and a strong moral character; and

7 WHEREAS, The mission of Shan-Yee Poon School of Performing Arts is to create
8 artistically expressive dancers of good moral character from a diverse population and to give
9 back to the community; and

10 WHEREAS, Shan-Yee Poon has given so much of herself, her life, and her talent in
11 touching and transforming many lives in the past 25 years of service as a dance educator and
12 mentor; and

13 WHEREAS, Shan-Yee Poon School of Performing Arts has been a landmark for
14 families and played a great role in the enrichment of children in the San Francisco
15 Community; and, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
17 commends and congratulates Shan-Yee Poon and Shan-Yee Poon School of Performing Arts
18 on the occasion of its 25th Anniversary for serving families, youth, and seniors in San
19 Francisco; and, be it

20 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
21 Francisco declares May 17, 2014, Shan-Yee Poon School of Performing Arts Day in the City
22 and County of San Francisco.