

1 [Commending Christine Quinn]

2 **Resolution commending New York City Council member Christine Quinn for being**  
3 **selected as the new Speaker of the New York City Council and for being the first**  
4 **woman, openly gay and Irish Speaker of the City Council of New York City.**

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6 WHEREAS, On January 4, 2006 District 3 Council member Christine Quinn was  
7 selected as the new speaker of the New York City Council by vote of 50 to zero, with one  
8 abstention; and

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10 WHEREAS, Council member Quinn will become the first woman and open gay  
11 politician to be selected to lead New York City’s legislative branch since its consolidation in  
12 1898; and

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14 WHEREAS, District 3 Council member Quinn, representing Greenwich Village,  
15 Chelsea, Clinton, Murray Hill and parts of Soho, has been staunch advocate for the working  
16 people and worked assiduously for the passage of prevailing and living wage legislation; and

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18 WHEREAS, As Chair of the Health Committee, council member. Quinn sponsored the  
19 “Healthcare Security Act” which requires City employers to provide adequate health coverage  
20 for their employees; and

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22 WHEREAS, In addition, Ms. Quinn worked to expand health care coverage, improve  
23 the quality of health care, make New York smoke-free, expand access to emergency  
24 contraception to rape survivors, increased availability of mammograms, increased funding for  
25 HIV services and expand health care coverage to underserved children; and

1           WHEREAS, Ms. Quinn has also been a champion of equal rights by spearheading the  
2 passage and veto override of the Equal Benefits Bill which provides every New Yorker who  
3 works for City contractor with equal access to health care for themselves and their spouses  
4 and partners; and

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6           WHEREAS, Council member Quinn advocated for rational rezoning practices that  
7 balanced the goals of developers and the needs of neighborhoods such as the rezoning of  
8 Hudson Yards, ensuring thousands of more affordable housing units especially as part of the  
9 High Line Rezoning Plan and lower density for waterfront projects; and

10           WHEREAS, Christine Quinn also led the fight to stop the West Side Stadium from  
11 being built and spearheaded a coalition to raise citywide public awareness of the project's  
12 problems and the benefits of more responsible development; and

13           WHEREAS, Quinn has been a vocal public school advocate through increasing the  
14 number of computer labs in schools, renovating playgrounds and building and rehabilitating  
15 libraries now, therefore, be it

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17           RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
18 hereby commends New York City Council member Christine Quinn for being selected as the  
19 new Speaker of the New York City Council and for being the first woman, openly gay and Irish  
20 Speaker of the City Council of New York City.