

1 [Alice Fong Yu School Tenth Anniversary.]

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3 **Resolution congratulating and commending the Alice Fong Yu Alternative School for**
4 **ten years of excellence in Chinese Immersion Education.**

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6 WHEREAS, Alice Fong Yu was the first Chinese American teacher in the San
7 Francisco Unified School District when she began her career in 1926; and,

8 WHEREAS, The Alice Fong Yu Alternative School is the nation’s first public Chinese
9 Immersion School ; and,

10 WHEREAS, Immersion education is an exciting and innovative academic language
11 program designed for children of all ethnic backgrounds in which children develop the ability
12 to speak, read and write in a second language; and,

13 WHEREAS, Knowledge of more than one language and culture is important for our
14 children’s full participation in a culturally and linguistically diverse world; and,

15 WHEREAS, The educational leaders of the San Francisco Unified School District
16 believe that the opportunity to become fluent in a second language should be available to all
17 children; and,

18 WHEREAS, Over thirty years of research conducted in immersion schools has shown
19 that immersion students score above average in tests of their academic skills, while achieving
20 a remarkable degree of fluency in the second language; now, therefore be it

21 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors congratulates and commends Alice Fong
22 Yu Alternative School for ten years of excellence in Chinese Immersion Education.

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