

1 [Commending the 50th Anniversary of Tony Bennett’s Recording of “I Left My Heart in San
2 Francisco”]

3 **Resolution commending the 50th Anniversary of Tony Bennett’s recording of “I Left My**
4 **Heart in San Francisco.”**

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6 WHEREAS, 51 years ago iconic singer Tony Bennett took the stage of San Francisco’s
7 famed Venetian Room in the Fairmont Hotel and performed his signature song “I Left My
8 Heart in San Francisco” for the first time; and

9 WHEREAS, Tony Bennett then recorded the song, which was released in February of
10 1962, becoming a major hit on the pop singles chart and winning the Grammy Award for
11 Record of the Year; and

12 WHEREAS, “I Left My Heart in San Francisco” was written in 1954 by George Cory
13 and Douglass Cross when Tony Bennett first treated the audience to this rendition of the
14 beloved classic in December 1961, San Francisco Mayor George Christopher and future
15 Mayor Joseph L. Alioto were among those watching; and

16 WHEREAS, In 1969, the song was adopted by the City and County of San Francisco
17 as one of its official anthems; and

18 WHEREAS, For many Tony Bennett’s version of “I Left My Heart in San Francisco” has
19 generated more love and nostalgia for the Bay Area than all songs, movies and television
20 shows associated with the area combined; and

21 WHEREAS, “I Left My Heart in San Francisco” has become an integral part of San
22 Francisco’s cultural landscape and is played after every Giants win in their stadium; and, now,
23 therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors celebrates the 50th Anniversary of the
2 recording of “I Left My Heart in San Francisco” and commends Tony Bennett as a true San
3 Franciscan.

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