

1 [Commending Reverend Zachary Shore]

2 **COMMENDING REVEREND ZACHARY SHORE OF THE MOST HOLY REDEEMER**
3 **CATHOLIC CHURCH FOR HIS COURAGE IN EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO**
4 **ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN FRANCISCO'S FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE KNIGHT**
5 **INITIATIVE CAMPAIGN.**

6 WHEREAS, Senator William Knight (R-Palmdale) has introduced a California ballot
7 measure which would circumscribe the legal definition of marriage to exclude same sex
8 marriages; and

9 WHEREAS, A consortium of Archdioceses throughout California have contributed up
10 \$310,000 in support of the anti-gay Knight initiative; and

11 WHEREAS, The Archdiocese of San Francisco, which enjoys tax exempt status,
12 contributed over \$31,000 to the politically partisan and homophobic Knight Initiative; and

13 WHEREAS, The Knight Initiative is hurtful and harmful to the lesbian, gay, bisexual and
14 transgender communities throughout California and will further divide families; and

15 WHEREAS, The proposed initiative also legalizes discrimination against same sex
16 couples who desire to commit to a long term relationship and want the same legal protection
17 and rights that heterosexual couples are entitled to ; and

18 WHEREAS, The Knight Initiative will contribute to intolerance, divisiveness and hate,
19 even contributing to hate crimes and hate violence targeting Queer communities throughout
20 California; and

21 WHEREAS, The Knight Initiative is but another veiled attack by California religious right
22 wing groups to scapegoat Queer communities for larger political ends; and

23 WHEREAS, Reverend Zachary Shore has been the presiding pastor at the Most Holy
24 Redeemer Catholic Church in San Francisco for the past eleven years and ministers to a
25 primarily gay and lesbian congregation, wrote to Archbishop William Levada objecting ; and

Supervisors Ammiano, Leno, Katz, Bierman

1 WHEREAS, Reverend Shore wrote to the Archbishop of San Francisco expressing
2 deep concern and displeasure at the San Francisco Archdiocese's monetary contribution to
3 the Knight Initiative campaign and its adverse impact on his gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgender
4 parishioners; and

5 WHEREAS, San Francisco Archbishop Levada's statements of support for the Knight
6 Initiative has caused hurt, frustration and antipathy, especially amongst gay and lesbian
7 Catholic parishioners; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
9 does hereby commend the Reverend Zachary Shore of the Most Holy Redeemer Catholic
10 Church for his courage and compassion in expressing opposition to the Archdiocese of San
11 Francisco's financial contribution to the anti-gay Knight Initiative; and be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors commend the Reverend
13 Zachary Shore for being responsive, compassionate, and standing up for his lesbian and gay
14 parishioners.

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25 **SUPERVISOR AMMIANO, LENO, KATZ**



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Resolution

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Resolution commending Reverend Zachary Shore of the Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church for his courage in expressing opposition to Archdioceses of San Francisco's financial contribution to the Knight Initiative campaign.

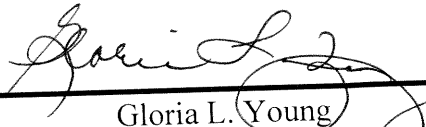
November 8, 1999 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 9 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom,
Yee

Absent: 2 - Teng, Yaki

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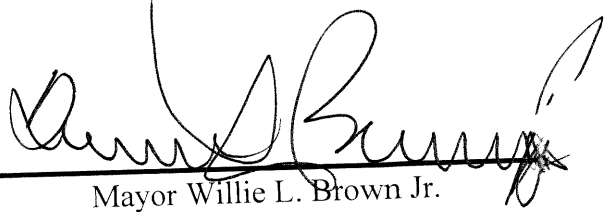
I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on November 8, 1999 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.



Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved



Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.