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1	[Marking the 83rd Anniversary of the Bataan Death March - April 9, 2025]
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3	Resolution recognizing April 9, 2025, as the 83rd anniversary of the Bataan Death
4	March in the City and County of San Francisco and honoring the continued work of the
5	"Bataan Legacy Historical Society."
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7	WHEREAS, On April 9, 1942, approximately 75,000 Filipino and American soldiers of
8	the United States Army Forces in the Far East (USAFFE) were forced to surrender to the
9	Imperial Japanese Army after months of intense and unrelenting combat in the Bataan
10	Peninsula of the Philippines; and
11	WHEREAS, Despite suffering from disease, starvation, lack of medicine, and no air or
12	naval support, the soldiers of USAFFE held off the advancing Imperial Japanese Army for 99
13	days and demonstrated unwavering courage and resolve; and
14	WHEREAS, Upon surrender, Filipino and American soldiers were forced to march
15	more than 65 miles to prison camps under brutal tropical conditions with no food, water, or
16	medical care, and those who could not keep up were subjected to unspeakable violence
17	including beatings, bayoneting, and execution; and
18	WHEREAS, Thousands perished during this forced march, now known around the
19	world as the Bataan Death March, which stands as one of the darkest and most harrowing
20	chapters of World War II; and
21	WHEREAS, The legacy of these soldiers is one of sacrifice, resilience, and unity
22	between the Filipino and American people, and serves as a reminder of the high cost of
23	freedom and the strength of international alliances; and
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1	WHEREAS, The Bataan Legacy Historical Society has worked tirelessly to preserve
2	this history and ensure that the stories of these brave soldiers are passed on to future
3	generations through education, community engagement, and public commemoration; and
4	WHEREAS, On April 5, 2025, the Bataan Legacy Historical Society hosted its annual
5	Bataan Death March Commemoration at the San Francisco National Cemetery to honor the
6	memory of the fallen and the survivors who carried this burden for the rest of their lives; now,
7	therefore, be it
8	RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors recognizes April 9, 2025, as
9	the 83rd Anniversary of the Bataan Death March, a day of remembrance and solemn
10	reflection in honor of the soldiers who were affected by the march; and, be it
11	FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board commends the Bataan Legacy Historical
12	Society for its continued commitment to education, remembrance, and the preservation of
13	Filipino and American shared history; and, be it
14	FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco stands in solidarity
15	with the families, veterans, and communities who continue to honor the sacrifices made at
16	Bataan, and pledges to ensure this legacy endures for generations to come.
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Introduction Form

(by a Member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor)

I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one): 1. For reference to Committee (Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Charter Amendment) 2. Request for next printed agenda (For Adoption Without Committee Reference) (Routine, non-controversial and/or commendatory matters only) Request for Hearing on a subject matter at Committee 3. Request for Letter beginning with "Supervisor 4. inquires..." 5. City Attorney Request Call File No. 6. from Committee. Budget and Legislative Analyst Request (attached written Motion) 7. Substitute Legislation File No. 8. Reactivate File No. 9. Topic submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the Board on 10. The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following (please check all appropriate boxes): □ Small Business Commission \Box Youth Commission □ Ethics Commission □ Building Inspection Commission □ Human Resources Department □ Planning Commission General Plan Referral sent to the Planning Department (proposed legislation subject to Charter 4.105 & Admin 2A.53): 🗆 No □ Yes (Note: For Imperative Agenda items (a Resolution not on the printed agenda), use the Imperative Agenda Form.) Sponsor(s): Sherrill Subject: Marking the 83rd Anniversary of the Bataan Death March – April 9, 2025 Long Title or text listed: Resolution recognizing April 9, 2025, as the 83rd Anniversary of the Bataan Death March in the City and County of San Francisco and honoring the continued work of the "Bataan Legacy Historical Society."