

1 **[Asking the Mayor and the Mayor's Office of Protocol to fly the flag of the United States**
2 **at half-staff.]**

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4 **Resolution asking the Mayor and the Mayor's Office of Protocol to fly the flag of the**
5 **United States at half-staff on March 19, 2005 to honor those who have lost their lives in**
6 **the war on Iraq.**

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8 WHEREAS, March 19, 2005 is the second anniversary of the United States war on
9 Iraq; and

10 WHEREAS, On November 2, 2004, San Franciscans overwhelmingly (63.3%) voted in
11 support of Proposition N, which urged the United States government to withdraw all troops
12 from Iraq and bring all military personnel in Iraq back to the United States; and

13 WHEREAS, As of March 11, 2005, 18 residents of the Bay Area, more than 1,500 U.S.
14 troops, 200 coalition troops and more than 16,000 Iraqis have lost their lives in the war on
15 Iraq; and,

16 WHEREAS, More than 11,000 U.S. troops have been wounded in the war on Iraq;
17 and,

18 WHEREAS, Over half of those troops wounded in Iraq suffered extraordinary pain and
19 now face lifelong disabilities; and,

20 WHEREAS, Troops and civilians in Iraq are increasingly in harm's way, with U.S.
21 military fatalities averaging 2.33 per day since March 11, 2003; and,

22 WHEREAS, Loss of life is always tragic and it has been incredibly difficult for the
23 families of the victims of war; now, therefore, be it

24 **RESOLVED, That San Franciscans would like to honor those who have died in the war**
25 **in Iraq; and, be it**

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FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco is asking the Mayor and the Mayor's Office of Protocol to fly the flag of the United States at half-staff on March 19, 2005 to honor those who have lost their lives in the war on Iraq.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco honors the families of those who have been killed or wounded in the war on Iraq.