

1 [Designation of the southeast corner of Filbert and Grant on Sunday, September 22, 2002, as
2 the official Poet’s Corner for the City of San Francisco.]

3 **Resolution designating the southeast corner of Filbert and Grant in North Beach as the**
4 **official Poet’s Corner of the City of San Francisco beginning on Sunday, September 22,**
5 **2002, and to honor the contribution of poets past and present by approving the**
6 **installation of a commemorative plaque at this location.**
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8 WHEREAS, The City of San Francisco has long supported the arts and has been
9 home to some of America’s finest contemporary poets for generations and remains a source
10 of enduring inspiration for all; and

11 WHEREAS, The City of San Francisco is an acknowledged “poetic center” for both the
12 world’s aspiring and accomplished poets, writers and artists of today; and

13 WHEREAS, The neighborhood of North Beach, known as “the Home of the Beat
14 Generation”, is particularly distinguished by its literary and cultural history; and

15 WHEREAS, The corner of Filbert and Grant holds literary and historical significance in
16 Beat lore and the literary history of San Francisco; and

17 WHEREAS, City Lights Bookstore, an officially designated historical landmark and
18 center of local poetry, had its early editorial offices as City Lights Publishing House on this
19 very same corner for over 10 years from 1967 to 1978; and

20 WHEREAS, San Francisco’s first Poet Laureate and co-founder of City Lights
21 Bookstore, Lawrence Ferlinghetti, applauds designating this corner as the official site of
22 Poet’s Corner; and
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1 WHEREAS, Bob Kaufman Alley, formerly Harwood Alley, is named after legendary
2 Beat poet Bob Kaufman, and was traversed by many poets for decades, and is only a shout
3 away up the tiny Filbert Street steps from the corner of Grant and Filbert; and

4 WHEREAS, The New Upper Grant Avenue Fall Art Fair, to be held on Sunday,
5 September 22, 2002, is the official event for honoring poets in San Francisco and their
6 contributions to the multi-cultural life of our diverse city now and forever; therefore, let it be

7 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors designates the southeast corner of Filbert
8 and Grant Streets as San Francisco's official Poet's Corner beginning September 22, 2002,
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10 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors approves the installation of a
11 commemorative plaque at the southeast corner of Filbert and Grant to recognize this location
12 for being in the forefront of our literary and cultural development and to honor poets past and
13 present for their immeasurable contributions to this city.