

1 [Same sex couples]

2 COMMENDING REVEREND DON FADO OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN
3 SACRAMENTO FOR HIS COURAGE IN BLESSING A GAY UNION.

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5 WHEREAS, On Saturday, January 16, 1999, Reverend Don Fado of the United
6 Methodist Church in Sacramento will bless the union of Ellie Charlton and Jeanne Barnett;
7 and,

8 WHEREAS, Last August, the highest United Methodist court issued a ruling prohibiting
9 ministers from performing holy union ceremonies for same-sex couples; and,

10 WHEREAS, More than 80 other United Methodist ministers and 70 lay persons will
11 help officiate the holy union ceremony; and,

12 WHEREAS, More than 1,000 guests are expected to attend the ceremony to be held
13 at the Sacramento Convention Center, including Reverend Karen Oliveto of Bethany United
14 Methodist Church in San Francisco; and,

15 WHEREAS, Thousands more are expected to form a "circle of love" around the
16 Sacramento Convention Center in a show of support and to protect the ceremony from
17 disruption; and,

18 WHEREAS, United Methodist ministers participating in the ceremony face possible
19 church prosecution and punishment; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
21 commends Reverend Fado of the United Methodist Church in Sacramento for his courage in
22 blessing a gay union.

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Resolution

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Date Passed:

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January 11, 1999 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Teng, Yaki, Yee, Ammiano, Bierman,
Brown, Katz

Absent: 1 - Medina

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on January 11, 1999 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

JAN 15 1999

Date Approved

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.