

1 [Commendation of the San Francisco Pipers' Club]

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3 **Resolution commending the San Francisco Pipers' Club for its continuing efforts to**
4 **educate San Francisco residents about the Uilleann Pipes, encouraging the learning of**
5 **the instrument, and helping to preserve it from extinction.**

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7 WHEREAS, By the late 18th century the Uilleann Pipes were the premier instrument in
8 Ireland, with pipers in high demand for playing at festivals, dances and wakes; and

9 WHEREAS, In the mid-19th century the Uilleann Pipes suffered a great downfall due to
10 famine, emigration and death; and,

11 WHEREAS, By the early 1900's the instrument was nearly extinct with only five
12 pipemakers left in the world; and,

13 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Pipers' Club was formed in 1975 to further the playing
14 and education of the Uilleann Pipes in San Francisco and neighboring communities; and,

15 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Pipers' Club continues to hold monthly meetings with
16 free classes for children and adults to learn to play and maintain the Uilleann Pipes, and
17 supplies starter pipes to those who do not own or cannot afford their own pipes; and,

18 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Pipers' Club hosts a gathering, or tionól, every two
19 years and brings master pipers and pipemakers from Ireland and Europe to teach local and
20 visiting pipers; and,

21 WHEREAS, San Francisco has a strong, vibrant Irish music community and the tionól
22 serves as a weekend of immersion with free classes, music sessions and concerts for anyone
23 interested in Uilleann Pipes or Irish music and attracts musicians from all over the United
24 States and abroad; and,

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WHEREAS, through the efforts of clubs such as the San Francisco Pipers' Club it is estimated that the Uilleann Pipes are played more today than ever; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco commends the San Francisco Pipers' Club for its continued success in fulfilling their mission to educate San Francisco residents about the Uilleann Pipes, encouraging the learning of the instrument, and helping to preserve it from extinction.



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February 5, 2001 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Leno, Newsom, Peskin, Sandoval, Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on February 5, 2001 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.