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8 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Food Bank administers the CSFP program and  
9 provides a monthly food box from the United States Department of Agriculture to 9,600 people  
10 in San Francisco; and

11 WHEREAS, The program serves a majority of low-income seniors in San Francisco;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Every food box is filled with nutritious foods seniors need to maintain their  
14 health, like canned tuna or chicken, cheese, rice, cereal, fruits and vegetables; and

15 WHEREAS, since 2004, 2,400 low-income seniors in San Francisco have been cut  
16 from the program as the United States Department of Agriculture has increased the cost of  
17 the food and Congress has not provided enough funding to meet the need; and

18 WHEREAS, Participants in the program must have a monthly income below \$1,126 to  
19 qualify for CSFP; and

20 WHEREAS, The CSFP program is cost-effective, with the food box valued at \$50 yet  
21 costing the United States Department of Agriculture less than \$19 per box; and

22 WHEREAS, CSFP is the only federal commodity program that provides participants  
23 with a nutritionally balanced food source each month; and

24 WHEREAS, The Bush Administration has proposed to eliminate the program in the  
25 coming fiscal year; and

1           WHEREAS, This program helped feed almost 500,000 low income seniors each month  
2 last year across the country and more than 53,000 seniors per month in California,, and

3           WHEREAS, almost 600,000 low-income California seniors are eligible with more than  
4 27,000 San Francisco seniors in need.

5           RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the United States  
6 Congress to restore full funding of \$175 million to the Commodity Supplemental Food  
7 Program.

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