

1 [Commendation—Victoria Manalo Draves]

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3 **Resolution commending Olympic medalist Victoria Manalo Draves for her outstanding**
4 **athletic achievements and contributions to the South of Market community as a role**
5 **model, and declaring October 27, 2006 as Victoria Manalo Draves Day in the City and**
6 **County of San Francisco.**

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8 WHEREAS, Victoria Manalo Draves was born and raised in the South of Market
9 district, attended local schools and was tutored under Ms. Bessie Carmichael, worked as an
10 athletic entertainer and represented San Francisco with dignity and integrity in the 1948
11 Olympics; and,

12 WHEREAS, Victoria Manalo Draves has a multitude of diving achievements including
13 the first double winner in the Olympic Games, the first diver to attain two individual gold
14 medals, the first woman in the Olympic Games to win both the Olympic springboard and
15 platform events, and the first American woman of Filipino heritage to win an Olympic medal;
16 and,

17 WHEREAS, Victoria Manalo Draves overcame significant adversity with racial
18 prejudice in the local community to become one the most accomplished female divers in
19 Olympic history; and,

20 WHEREAS, Victoria Manalo Drave's dedication to excellence, tireless work ethic, and
21 commitment led her to become an Olympic champion; and,

22 WHEREAS, Victoria Manalo Draves serves as a powerful role model to the people of
23 the City and County of San Francisco because she exhibited great patience and
24 perseverance in overcoming the racial divides and barriers nearly prevented her from
25 developing her diving skills; and,

1 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco has named the South of Market
2 Recreation Center located on Sixth and Folsom Street in honor of Victoria Manalo Draves as
3 the "Victoria Manalo Draves Park"; and,

4 WHEREAS, The naming of the South of Market Recreation Center after Victoria
5 Manalo Draves serves to highlight and validate her career as a local and hero and provides
6 encouragement to the youth of the City and County of San Francisco to persevere in
7 accomplishing their goals despite the presence of adversity; and,

8 WHEREAS, The Victoria Manalo Draves Park will officially be opened to the City and
9 County of San Francisco on Friday, October 27, 2006; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors commends Victoria Manalo
11 Draves for her dedication and achievements as a community hero, and further declare
12 October 27, 2006 as "Victoria Manalo Draves Day".

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Resolution commending Olympic medalist Victoria Manalo Draves for her outstanding athletic achievements and contributions to the South of Market community as a role model, and declaring October 27, 2006 as Victoria Manalo Draves Day in the City and County of San Francisco.

October 24, 2006 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 8 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Dufty, Elsbernd, Ma, Maxwell, Mirkarimi, Peskin

Absent: 2 - Daly, Sandoval


Excused: 1 - McGoldrick

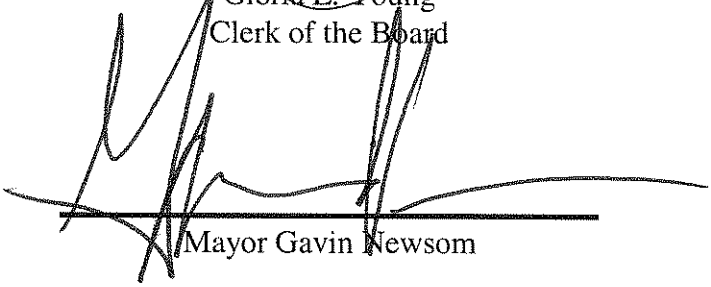
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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on October 24, 2006 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Oct. 31, 2006

Date Approved


Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board


Mayor Gavin Newsom