

1 [Urging the renaming of Western Addition Branch Library]

2 **Resolution urging the Library Commission to rename the Western Addition Branch**
3 **Library as the Mary Helen Rogers Branch Library.**

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5 WHEREAS, Mary Rogers has demonstrated a clear-eyed conviction in what she knew
6 to be right, and helped lead the charge against the people removal polices of "urban
7 renewal," a fight she gallantly continues today; and
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9 WHEREAS, Mary Rogers is known for her passionate intensity and her plain-talking
10 eloquence in speaking about the issues of the day, whether it was a tragedy of racial hatred
11 or the impoverished conditions of our urban poor; and

12 WHEREAS, Mary Rogers has been steadfast in the fight to protect the Fillmore's
13 special legacy and the people who have lived there, as evidenced by her work with the
14 Western Addition Project Area Committee; and

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16 WHEREAS, Mary Rogers has worked tirelessly with the San Francisco
17 Redevelopment Agency and the Housing Authority and engaged in the fragile social alliances
18 that sought the common denominators of decency and humanity; and

19 WHEREAS, Mary Rogers continues to move mountains with her work in the Jazz
20 Preservation District, Chair of the Juneteenth Committee, and as President of AGAPEE,
21 among other notable activities; and

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23 WHEREAS, Mary Rogers speaks to us all -- by calling witness to a City that sees its
24 African American and working class populations shrink; by shaking the soul of San Francisco,

1 where justice and fairness need to prevail, as she challenges us to create a place where we
2 can all call "home"; and

3 WHEREAS, The Western Addition Branch Library at 1550 Scott Street serves the
4 community which Mary Rogers is such an important part of; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco honors Mary Rogers for her
6 commitment to the Fillmore, the Western Addition, the African American community, and to
7 the betterment of San Francisco; and be it
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9 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City of San Francisco
10 urges the Library Commission to rename the Western Addition Branch Library as the Mary
11 Helen Rogers Branch Library.