

1 [Commending Octagon House on its 150th Anniversary]

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3 **Resolution commending Octagon House on its 150th Anniversary in 2011.**

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5 WHEREAS, Octagon House was constructed in 1861 by William McElroy and will
6 celebrate its 150th anniversary on July 14, 2011; and

7 WHEREAS, Octagon House survived the 1906 earthquake despite severe damage to
8 the façade and survived the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake entirely unscathed; and

9 WHEREAS, When the structure was threatened with demolition in 1952 it was bought
10 by The National Society of The Colonial Dames of America in California from PG&E for \$1
11 plus moving costs and was then lifted and moved across Gough street to a plot of land
12 donated by the Misses Allyne ; and

13 WHEREAS, In its unique structural beauty, urban location and importance to the
14 diverse San Francisco communities, it received a Beautification Award from San Francisco
15 Beautiful in 1993 for its garden; and

16 WHEREAS, In 1968 Octagon House was designated San Francisco Landmark #17 by
17 the San Francisco Board of Supervisors and was placed on the National Register of Historic
18 Places in 1972; and

19 WHEREAS, In 1891 it was rented to the poet, journalist and co-founder of San
20 Francisco’s internationally famed Bohemian Club, Daniel O’Connell; and

21 WHEREAS, Octagon House holds a special place in San Francisco’s heart and rich
22 narrative; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco officially recognizes Octagon
24 House as a staple of San Francisco’s history and tradition; and, be it

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1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco commends
2 Octagon House for its 150th Anniversary Celebration on July 14, 2011.

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