

1 [Expressing support for Bringing America Home Act (H.R. 2897).]

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3 **Resolution urging the Congressional delegation representing San Francisco to support**
4 **the passage of the Bringing America Home Act (H.R. 2897), a comprehensive bill to end**
5 **homelessness that addresses issues of affordable housing, livable income, civil rights**
6 **protections, and health care for all.**

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8 WHEREAS, 3.5 million people, 39% of them children, currently experience
9 homelessness every year, with families among the fastest-growing sectors of the population;
10 and,

11 WHEREAS, The Bringing America Home Act introduced in the 108th Congress, is
12 designed to end homelessness in the United States and includes housing, health, income,
13 and civil rights components; and,

14 WHEREAS, The proposed legislation represents the most comprehensive initiative to
15 date to address modern homelessness and is based on research, data, and the experience of
16 front line providers and advocates; and,

17 WHEREAS, The Housing Title of the bill increases funding for crucial programs to
18 ensure access to and creation of affordable housing; and,

19 WHEREAS, The Health Title of the bill increases funding for crucial targeted programs
20 for people experiencing homelessness and includes a *Sense of Congress* supporting the
21 enactment of legislation to guarantee that every person in the United States, including the 45
22 million Americans without health insurance, has access to comprehensive, quality, affordable
23 health care; and,

24 WHEREAS, The Income Title of the bill includes a *Sense of Congress* supporting a
25 Universal Living Wage and livable incomes, Temporary Worker Fairness and Protection,

1 development of a Self-Sufficiency Standard, and the establishment of a 'Homebuild' Program;
2 and,

3 WHEREAS, In the City of San Francisco more than 41% of renter households pay
4 more than 30% of their income for rent; and,

5 WHEREAS, in the City of San Francisco an extremely low income household earning
6 \$17,350 (30% of the Area Median Income of \$57,8333) can afford a monthly rent of no more
7 than \$434, while the Fair Market Rent for a two bedroom unit is \$1,775; and,

8 WHEREAS, A worker in the City of San Francisco must earn \$22.94 per hour working
9 40 hours per week to afford a studio apartment. This is 262% at the present \$8.50 minimum
10 wage. A worker at minimum wage would have to work 105 hours a week to afford a studio
11 apartment; and,

12 WHEREAS, In the City of San Francisco 150,000 people are without health insurance;
13 now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Congressional delegation
15 representing San Francisco to support the passage of the Bringing America Home Act of
16 2004, currently pending in the 108th Congress, and its goals of ending homelessness; and, be
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18 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco's lobbyist in
19 Washington actively work to gain the support of the members of Congress to promote the
20 passage of the Bringing America Home Act of 2004.

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