

1 [Commendation of the Coalition Against Racial and Ethnic Scapegoating (CARES)]

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3 **Resolution commending the Coalition Against Racial and Ethnic Scapegoating for**
4 **raising the public consciousness in San Francisco about the national release of the**
5 **film *Pearl Harbor*.**

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7 WHEREAS, On May 24th the Coalition Against Racial and Ethnic Scapegoating
8 organized individuals and organizations to comment upon the Asian community's concerns
9 about the release of the Disney film *Pearl Harbor* this past weekend; and,

10 WHEREAS, Speaking at the press conference were John Tateishi, Executive Director
11 of the Japanese American Citizens League, World War II Veterans Wally Nunotani and Harry
12 Tanabe, San Francisco Police Department Captain Keith Sanford, Asian American Bar
13 Association representative Jeff Adachi, and Diane Chin, Executive Director of Chinese for
14 Affirmative Action; and,

15 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Henry Seto of the San Francisco Police Department Hate
16 Crimes Unit, Victor Hwang of the Asian Law Caucus, and Phil Ting of the Organization of
17 Chinese Americans were among the many attendees; and,

18 WHEREAS, Participants took the opportunity to express their concerns that the release
19 of the film *Pearl Harbor* will result in a potential for anti-Japanese and anti-Asian sentiment;
20 and,

21 WHEREAS, Members of the Coalition pointed out that there is great concern in the
22 Asian Pacific American community over the current climate of anti-Asian sentiment where
23 Chinese Americans and Asian Americans have been targeted because of situations such as
24 the recent spy plane incident with China and the allegations of spying against Wen Ho Lee;
25 and,

1 WHEREAS, It is imperative that San Franciscans not forget that the attack on Pearl
2 Harbor triggered the internment of more than 100,000 ethnic Japanese, two-thirds of whom
3 were U.S. citizens living in Pacific Coast states; and,

4 WHEREAS, Though San Francisco is a diverse and open-minded city there are still
5 many people who view Asian-Americans to be foreigners; and,

6 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Police Department responded to the potential for anti-
7 Asian backlash this weekend by adding extra patrols to areas around the Kabuki Theater, the
8 Chinese Consulate, and Japan Town; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
10 commend the Coalition Against Racial and Ethnic Scapegoating for organizing a
11 consciousness-raising effort to address the concerns surrounding the release of the film *Pearl*
12 *Harbor*.



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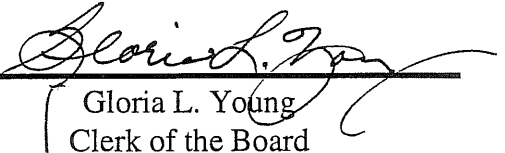
June 4, 2001 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, Maxwell, Newsom, Peskin,
Sandoval, Yee

Absent: 1 - McGoldrick

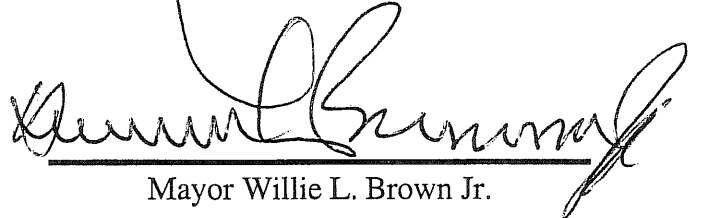
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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on June 4, 2001 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.


Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved


Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.