

1 [Carl Rakosi Commendation]

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3 **Resolution commending the poet Carl Rakosi on the occasion of his 98th birthday.**

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5 WHEREAS, The poet Carl Rakosi was born on November 6, 1903 of Hungarian
6 parents in Berlin, Germany and came to the United States with his father and stepmother in
7 1910, and;

8 WHEREAS, Carl Rakosi received his B.A. in 1924 and M.A. in 1926 from the
9 University of Wisconsin, and completed his Masters of Social Work at the University of
10 Pennsylvania in 1940, and;

11 WHEREAS, Carl Rakosi practiced social work and psychotherapy, and was Director of
12 the Jewish Family and Children's Service in Minneapolis, Minnesota, as Callman Rawley, his
13 legally adopted professional name for many years, and;

14 WHEREAS, In the 1930s, Carl Rakosi was a member of a group of poets called "The
15 Objectivists," a modernist movement whose interests were rooted less in romanticism and
16 more in the practical uses of poetry with a focus on common words and objects, some of its
17 members being Louis Zukofsky, Charles Reznikoff, Lorine Niedecker, Basil Bunting, Kenneth
18 Rexroth, and George Oppen, and;

19 WHEREAS, Carl Rakosi contributed to the "Objectivists" issue of *Poetry* magazine in
20 February of 1931, and his work was later included in "An Objectivists Anthology" published in
21 France in 1932 by *To* publishers, and;

22 WHEREAS, Carl Rakosi has published many works including, "Selected Poems"
23 (1941), "Amulet" (1967), "Ere-Voice" (1971), "Ex Cranium, Night" (1975), "My Experience in
24 Parnassus" (1977), "The Earth Suite" (1977), "Droles de Journal" (1981), "Spiritus I" (1983),
25 "Collected Prose" (1983), "Collected Poems" (1986), and "Poems 1923-1941" (1995) and;

1 WHEREAS, Carl Rakosi has been living and writing poetry in San Francisco for over
2 25 years, where he has been a great influence and inspiration for several generations of
3 younger poets; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the board of Supervisors of San Francisco commends Carl Rakosi
5 for his poetry and offers best wishes on the occasion of his 98th birthday, November 6th,
6 2001.

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November 5, 2001 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, Maxwell, McGoldrick,
Newsom, Peskin, Sandoval, Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on November 5, 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.

