

1 [Supporting Hormel]
2 SUPPORTING THE NOMINATION OF JAMES HORMEL AS AMBASSADOR TO
3 LUXEMBOURG AND URGING THE UNITED STATES SENATE LEADERSHIP TO ACT ON
4 HIS NOMINATION.

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6 WHEREAS, On October 6, 1997 the President of the United States nominated San
7 Francisco citizen James Hormel to the post of Ambassador to Luxembourg; and,

8 WHEREAS, The nomination of James Hormel has languished in the United States
9 Senate for almost one year and has been prevented by the personal prejudices of the Senate
10 leadership from coming to a vote before the entire Senate; and,

11 WHEREAS, The majority of United States Senators, including California Senators
12 Boxer and Feinstein express their support for James Hormel's nomination and express their
13 disgust with the denial of the democratic process which would allow for the Senate to vote on
14 the nomination; and

15 WHEREAS, The government of Luxembourg confirmed their acceptance of James
16 Hormel as Ambassador to their nation; and,

17 WHEREAS, The sole reason the Senate leadership refuses to bring the nomination to
18 the Senate for a vote is the sexual orientation of James Hormel; and,

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Hormel's employment qualifications include service as an Alternate
20 Representative of the U.S. Delegation to the 51st Session of the United Nations Human
21 Rights Commission; and,

22 WHEREAS, Over 70% of the citizens of the United States have repeatedly confirmed
23 in multiple polls that they disapprove of employment discrimination on the basis of sexual
24 orientation; and,

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LENO *Katz, Amiano, Bierman, Brown, Kaufman, Medina,*
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS *Newsom, Teng, Yaki*

1 WHEREAS, Twenty-four Republican and forty-one Democrat Senators have indicated
2 in writing that sexual orientation is not a consideration for them in the hiring, promoting, or
3 terminating of an employee in their own offices; and,

4 WHEREAS, The Senate Foreign Relations Committee, under the Chairmanship of
5 Senator Jesse Helms, has overwhelmingly recommended the nomination be passed to the
6 full Senate for its consideration; and,

7 WHEREAS, The radical right wing and religious political extremists have maliciously
8 lied, misrepresented and defamed San Francisco, its citizens, and James Hormel in an
9 attempt to block Mr. Hormel's confirmation as Ambassador to Luxembourg; and,

10 WHEREAS, James Hormel has proven himself to be a magnanimous philanthropist for
11 the City and County of San Francisco, providing and promoting education, health, art, and
12 culture for all San Franciscans; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors confirms its support for the nomination of
14 James Hormel as Ambassador to Luxembourg; and, be it

15 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the United States
16 Senate leadership to allow the nomination to come to a vote; and, be it

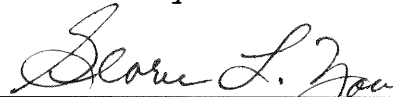
17 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Mayor forward a copy of this legislation to the United
18 States Senate Majority Leader, Senator Trent Lott, with a request that the nomination of
19 James Hormel go to a vote.

Adopted - Board of Supervisors, San Francisco September 22, 1998

Ayes: Supervisors Ammiano Brown Katz Kaufman Leno Medina
Newsom Yaki Yee

Absent: Supervisors Bierman Teng

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution
was adopted by the Board of Supervisors
of the City and County of San Francisco




Clerk

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Date Approved



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