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1 [Resolution commending the Obama Administration for granting Temporary Protected Status
2 (TPS) to Haitians living in the United States.]

3 **Resolution commending the Obama Administration and directing the Clerk of the**
4 **Board to send a letter of support with regard to the granting of Temporary Protected**
5 **Status (TPS) to Haitians living in the United States.**

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7 WHEREAS, A devastating earthquake, the worst in 200 years, struck Port-au-Prince
8 on Tuesday January 12, 2010 laying waste to the city; and

9 WHEREAS, According to some estimates, more than 100,000 people have died, and
10 an estimated three million people, or one third of the country's population, have been affected
11 by this tragedy; and,

12 WHEREAS, The earthquake has toppled houses, hospitals, hotels, and other buildings
13 leaving an untold number of people homeless and without access to food, water, or medical
14 care; and,

15 WHEREAS, Currently 30,00 Haitians in the United States are facing deportation orders
16 because they lack the proper documentation to stay in the United States; and

17 WHEREAS, Temporary Protected Status (TPS) was established by Congress in order
18 to protect nationals of designated countries who are temporarily unable to return home safely
19 because of ongoing armed conflicts, environmental disasters, or other extraordinary and
20 temporary conditions; and

21 WHEREAS, The Department of Homeland Security has temporarily halted all
22 deportations to Haiti, but the decision neither has a timetable nor allows Haitians to work. In
23 contrast, designating Haiti for TPS would protect Haitians already in the United States by both
24 halting deportations and allowing Haitian immigrants to secure work permits and send their
25 earnings home to help Haiti to rebuild; and

1 WHEREAS, As the poorest country in the western Hemisphere, Haiti already depends
2 significantly on remittances; TPS will enable Haitians in the United States to better support
3 their families and their loved ones in Haiti; and

4 WHEREAS, Granting TPS will allow the Haitian government to better invest its limited
5 resources in rebuilding damaged infrastructure and offer emergency relief to its suffering
6 people; and

7 WHEREAS, TPS, instituted in tandem with comprehensive relief and development
8 policies, will protect Haitians in the United States from being forcibly returned to an unsafe
9 situation and will allow Haiti to recover from this crisis; now therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors commends the Obama
11 Administration and directs the Clerk of the Board to send a letter in support of the
12 Administration's granting of Temporary Protected Status (TPS) to Haitians living in the United
13 States.