

1 [Declaring October 3, 2009 Dolorous Knight Day]

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3 **Resolution seeking to commend Dolorous Knight for her dedication to and generous**
4 **support of San Francisco's public libraries, particularly her neighborhood branch, the**
5 **Excelsior Branch Library, and declaring October 3, 2009 to be Dolorous Knight Day.**

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7 WHEREAS, Dolorous Knight was born Dolorous MacEachern on February 17, 1914 in
8 Grand Forks, North Dakota and grew up in East Grand Forks, Minnesota; and

9 WHEREAS, After becoming valedictorian of her class in 1930, she subsequently
10 moved to San Francisco in 1933; and,

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12 WHEREAS, Dolorous MacEachern met her future husband, Kenneth Knight, on her
13 first day in San Francisco and they married ten years later in 1943; and,

14 WHEREAS, After their marriage they purchased their first and only home in the
15 Excelsior; and,

16 WHEREAS, Dolorous Knight was an office manager for Foster and Kleiser for 42 years
17 and retired in 1978; and,

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19 WHEREAS, Upon retiring, in order to keep her mind active, Dolorous Knight began
20 making weekly visits to her branch library, the Excelsior Branch Library; and,

21 WHEREAS, In 1976, Dolorous Knight began keeping a log of the books she read, which
22 now numbers over 2100 books, and a copy of this list now belongs to the San Francisco Public
23 Library; and,

1 WHEREAS, In July of 2007, at the age of 93, Dolorous Knight suffered a series of small
2 strokes, and her doctors credit her remarkable and speedy recovery in part to the fact that she
3 had been an avid reader for so many years; and,

4 WHEREAS, Although Kenneth Knight passed away in 2005 after 62 years of marriage,
5 Dolorous Knight continued their lifelong commitment to living simply and saving regularly in
6 order to fulfill their dream of being able to financially support worthy projects in their
7 community; and,

8 WHEREAS, Dolorous Knight has been an exemplary financial contributor to San
9 Francisco's public libraries, making a large monetary gift in 2006 to her beloved Excelsior
10 Branch Library to help renovate and improve the branch and support programs and services
11 that promote literacy, self-improvement, lifelong learning and neighborhood vitality; and,

12 WHEREAS, Dolorous Knight's gift to the Excelsior Branch Library represents her love
13 for books, her pleasure and enjoyment as a reader, and her deep commitment to the value of
14 public libraries to individuals and to society; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
16 commends Dolorous Knight for her dedication to and generous support of San Francisco's
17 public libraries, particularly her neighborhood branch in the Excelsior; and, be it

18 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
19 Francisco hereby declares October 3, 2009 to be Dolorous Knight Day.
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September 22, 2009 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Alioto-Pier, Avalos, Chiu, Chu, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Mar, Maxwell, Mirkarimi

Excused: 1 - Campos

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on September 22, 2009 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

9/29/09

Date Approved

Mayor Gavin Newsom