

1 [Honoring Rebecca Benoit]

2 HONORING THE LEADERSHIP, WORK ETHIC, HUMANITARIANISM AND
3 COMPASSION OF REBECCA BENOIT

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5 WHEREAS, Rebecca Benoit was born in the heart of Cajun country, Kaplan Louisiana,
6 whose people are the salt of the earth; and,

7 WHEREAS, She is rooted in the spirit of uplifting and instilling pride in the “common
8 folk”; and,

9 WHEREAS, She came to California by way of her determination, sense of adventure and
10 willingness to take risks; and,

11 WHEREAS, She worked in private industry for fourteen years starting as a file clerk and
12 working her way up to manage the foreign operations division of one of the “Big Five”
13 corporations; and,

14 WHEREAS, She has held administrative and custodial positions in the San Francisco
15 Sheriff’s Department since 1981, achieving the rank of Captain in 1997; and,

16 WHEREAS, She pioneered and commanded the first Program Facility in the San
17 Francisco County Jail, bringing opportunities for learning and personal growth to inmates housed
18 there and new professional opportunities to staff assigned there; and,

19 WHEREAS, She has overall responsibility for the safety and security of the entire
20 Program Facility as well as for the implementation of historic, innovative and even revolutionary
21 programs; and,

22 WHEREAS, Over the past seven years under Rebecca Benoit’s command, violent
23 incidents have been maintained at a dramatically low level, unparalleled by other institutions in
24 the country; and,

25 WHEREAS, She consistently demonstrates professionalism, humanity and dignity in
dealings with both staff and inmates, as well as a commitment to excellence in all things; and,

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WHEREAS, She constantly inspires those around her to strive to meet greater personal and professional challenges; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors honors Captain Rebecca Benoit for her outstanding work in bringing professionalism, dignity and humanity to all who work and reside at the San Francisco County Jail Program Facility; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco commemorates Ms. Benoit as she celebrates her 50th birthday with her typical orthodox Jewish Cajun flair.



City and County of San Francisco

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Resolution

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Date Passed:

Resolution honoring the leadership, work ethic, humanitarianism and compassion of Rebecca Benoit.

March 22, 1999 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom,
Teng, Yee
Absent: 1 - Yaki

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution
was ADOPTED on March 22, 1999 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.