

1 [Central American and Haitians Adjustment Act of 1999]

2 **URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO PASS HR 2722 THE CENTRAL**
3 **AMERICAN AND HAITIANS ADJUSTMENT ACT OF 1999.**

4 WHEREAS, There are over 260,000 Salvadoran and Guatemalan immigrants (known
5 as "the ABC class") and their families, 18,000 Haitians and 80,000 Hondurans in the United
6 States who fled their countries because of civil war, violence and natural disaster; and

7 WHEREAS, These immigrants have made their home in the U.S., have U.S.-born
8 children who are citizens, work, run businesses, and contribute to U.S. society; and

9 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Bay Area is home to over 50,000 ABC class members,
10 Haitians and Hondurans, and the City of San Francisco is a self-proclaimed sanctuary for
11 immigrants with a long history of responsiveness to newcomers from other parts of the world;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, After years of court rulings and Immigration and Naturalization Service
14 temporary provisions, these residents of our nation face an uncertain future with regard to their
15 ability to remain in their adopted country; and

16 WHEREAS, In 1997, the U.S. Congress approved the Nicaraguan Adjustment and
17 Central American Relief Act ("NACARA") providing immigrants from Nicaragua and Cuba who
18 arrived in the United States on or before December 1, 1995 with the status of Permanent
19 Residency; and

20 WHEREAS, Under NACARA, immigrants from El Salvador and Guatemala, known as
21 "the ABC class," must show hardship in order to stave off deportation on a case-by-case
22 basis; and

23 WHEREAS, NACARA only provided Honduran immigrants with a temporary protection
24 status and did not provide any benefits to Haitian immigrants; and

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Supervisors Ammiano, Katz

1 WHEREAS, San Francisco declared itself a City of Refuge where federal INS agents
2 will not receive any cooperation from City authorities or representatives whenever they are
3 carrying out actions of detention and arrests against tax-paying immigrant residents who might
4 be undocumented; and

5 WHEREAS, In May of 1998, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors reaffirmed by
6 ordinance its policy of being a safety zone for immigrants; and

7 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors has consistently taken positions in defense of
8 immigrant rights and has passed over 30 resolutions in support of immigrant rights since 1989;
9 now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
11 hereby urges the United States Congress to approve HR 2722, the Central American and
12 Haitians Adjustment Act of 1999 (Rep. Smith, NJ), which will treat all the above-named
13 immigrants who came to the U.S. on or before December 1, 1995 with fairness, justice and
14 equity by allowing them the opportunity to apply for permanent residency.

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16 **SUPERVISOR AMMIANO**
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Resolution urging the United States Congress to pass HR 2722, the Central American and Haitians Adjustment Act of 1999.

September 21, 1999 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Teng, Yaki, Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on September 21, 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.