

1 [Angel Island Immigration Station Day – January 21, 2010.]

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3 **Resolution declaring January 21, 2010, as Angel Island Immigration Station Day, and**
4 **Commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Immigration Station.**

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6 WHEREAS, Over one million immigrants from eighty countries, especially from China,
7 Japan, Russia, India, and Mexico, traveled through the United States Immigration Station at
8 Angel Island on their way to becoming Americans; and

9 WHEREAS, Angel Island, located in both the City and County of San Francisco and
10 Marin County, is a historic site of conscience for all Americans and the global community; and

11 WHEREAS, Angel Island was named a National Historic Landmark in 1997 and
12 designated by the National Trust for Historic Preservation as one of America’s 11 “Most
13 Endangered” historic sites; and

14 WHEREAS, On January 21, 2010 the Angel Island Immigration Station Foundation
15 and California State Parks are commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Immigration
16 Station; and

17 WHEREAS, Angel Island Immigration Station provides educational materials to the
18 public about Pacific immigration history in order to better understand the global impact of
19 immigration; and

20 WHEREAS Angel Island Immigration Station served as the “Guardian of the Western
21 Gate” in an era of discriminatory immigration policies that excluded Asian immigrants, the
22 Angel Island Immigration Station Foundation now tells the story of the courage,
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1 determination, and perseverance of immigrants who overcame many obstacles to contribute
2 to the building of the United States; and

3 WHEREAS, Thousands of researchers, former detainees and their descendants,
4 school children and people of all ages journey to Angel Island every year to view poetry
5 carved by Chinese and other immigrants on the immigration station's walls; and

6 WHEREAS, The United States Citizenship and Immigration Services is
7 commemorating the 100th anniversary of the U.S. Immigration Station, Angel Island by
8 conducting a naturalization ceremony for 100 new citizens at San Francisco's Herbst Theater:
9 now, therefore, be it
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11 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors declares January 21, 2010
12 as Angel Island Immigration Station Day.
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