

1 [Commending Conrad Benedicto and the Wilderness Arts and Literacy Collaborative at
2 Balboa High School]

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4 **Resolution commending Conrad Benedicto, teacher at Balboa High School, and the**
5 **Wilderness Arts and Literacy Collaborative at Balboa High School.**

6 WHEREAS, Conrad Benedicto teaches English, Environmental Studies, and Social
7 Studies to juniors and seniors as part of the Wilderness Arts and Literacy Collaborative
8 (WALC) at Balboa High School: and,

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10 WHEREAS, Field experiences such as hiking, camping, habitat restoration, recycling,
11 and gardening are woven together with classroom coursework and provide the experimental
12 foundation for a challenging academic curriculum; and,

13 WHEREAS, Trips to Yosemite, The Pinnacles, and Lake Tahoe, provide a classroom
14 experience where Balboa High School students learn the environmental education principles
15 that are the bedrock themes of their rigorous academic curriculum; and,

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17 WHEREAS, More than 70 percent of Balboa High School students are classified as
18 Educationally Disadvantaged Youth (EDY) whose standardized test scores rank below the
19 25th percentile; and,

20 WHEREAS, The 99 percent of the students that Conrad Benedicto teaches and
21 mentors in the WALC program attend or plan to attend college; and;

22 WHEREAS, Conrad Benedicto is a founding member of the WALC program at Balboa
23 High School; now, therefore be it

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25 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco

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commends Conrad Benedicto and the Wilderness Arts and Literacy Collaborative (WALC) for helping high school students find their creative voices through the transformative power of outdoor experiences and environmental education.



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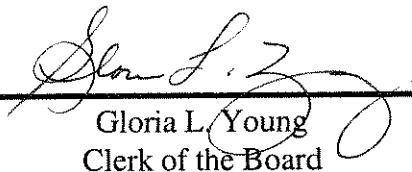
May 20, 2003 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 8 - Daly, Dufty, Gonzalez, Hall, Ma, McGoldrick, Newsom, Peskin

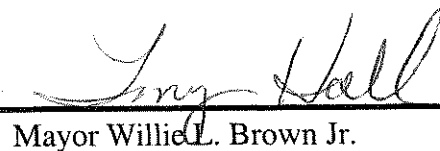
Absent: 3 - Ammiano, Maxwell, Sandoval

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on May 20, 2003 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.