

1 [Anza Branch Library Reopening]

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3 **Resolution recognizing the grand reopening of the Anza Branch Library and**
4 **commending the San Francisco Public Library and its team for their hard work and**
5 **commitment to the City and County of San Francisco and its residents.**

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7 WHEREAS, The Branch Library Improvement Program (BLIP), funded by the bond
8 measure passed in November 2000 by the voters of San Francisco, calls for sixteen branches
9 to be renovated, four leased facilities to be replaced with City-owned buildings, three
10 branches to be replaced with new buildings, and one brand-new branch to be constructed in
11 Mission Bay; and,

12 WHEREAS, The Anza Branch Library has been fully renovated and will celebrate its
13 grand reopening on Saturday, June 18, 2011 at 1:00 pm; and,

14 WHEREAS, Originally built in 1932, this WPA era gem is now seismically safe and fully
15 accessible and has been transformed into a state of the art library designed to serve the
16 neighborhood for many more decades to come; and,

17 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Bureau of Architecture took great care to preserve and
18 restore the historic features of this two-story building while bringing the facility into the 21st
19 century in terms of seismic safety, energy conservation, accessibility to all users, and
20 changes in library service; and,

21 WHEREAS, Highlights of the renovation include an addition at the side and rear of the
22 branch with a new elevator and restrooms, revamped community meeting room, a sizeable
23 children’s room, new designated teen area, an expansive reading area, restored ceiling and
24 woodwork, new landscaping, and sustainability improvements designed to meet Leadership in
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1 Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) silver certification or greater by the U.S. Green
2 Building Council; and,

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4 WHEREAS, The library continued to serve the community during the branch
5 renovation by providing Bookmobile service on Balboa Street at 31st Avenue, and with the
6 help of the Richmond District Neighborhood Center, holding twice weekly children's
7 storytimes; and,

8 WHEREAS, The renovation has been a team effort between the San Francisco Public
9 Library staff and administrators, Department of Public Works Division of Project Management,
10 Bureau of Architecture and Bureau of Construction Management, Trico Construction, Library
11 Commissioners, Friends of the San Francisco Public Library, and members of the community
12 who raised funds and helped design the branch to suit their neighborhood's needs; now,
13 therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors commends the San Francisco Public
15 Library, the Friends of the San Francisco Public Library, the Department of Public Works,
16 members of the community, and the entire team that made this project so successful for their
17 dedication and hard work; and, be it

18 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors invites the public to join the
19 celebration of the re-dedication of the Anza Branch Library on Saturday, June 18th at 1:00 pm
20 at the branch, 550 – 37th Avenue near Anza.

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