

1 [Eddie Fung.]

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3 **Resolution declaring November 10, 2007 as Eddie Fung Day in San Francisco**

4 WHEREAS, Eddie Fung, was born in 1922 to Chinese immigrants in Chinatown, San  
5 Francisco, and was the seventh child in a family of four boys and four girls; and

6 WHEREAS, Eddie Fung became a Texas cowboy at sixteen, and volunteered for the  
7 Texas National Guard in 1940; and

8 WHEREAS, Eddie Fung’s battalion was called to the Pacific and was the only Chinese  
9 American soldier among captives of the Japanese in the battle for Java in World War II,  
10 spending the next forty-two months as a prisoner of war building the Burma-Siam Railroad  
11 track through 262 miles of tropical jungle under brutal labor conditions, completing the railroad  
in fourteen months at a cost of 16,000 POWs and 70,000 Asian lives; and

12 WHEREAS, Eddie Fung survived to share his remarkable tale in *The Adventures of*  
13 *Eddie Fung, Chinatown Kid, Texas Cowboy, Prisoner of War*, edited by Judy Yung and  
14 published by University of Washington Press, November, 2007; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
16 commends a courageous San Francisco Native, Eddie Fung, for his lifelong courage and  
17 dedicated service upon the publication of his memoir and hereby declares November 10,  
2007, Eddie Fung Day in San Francisco.

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