

1 [Urging federal authorities to approve the citizenship of Shirley Tan and pass the Uniting
American Families Act.]

2
3 **Resolution urging federal authorities to remove obstacles to United Citizenship for**
4 **Shirley Tan, and urging the passage of the Uniting American Families Act (UAFA, H.R.**
5 **1024, S. 424).**

6
7 WHEREAS, The home of Shirley Tan and Jay Mercado was entered and searched by
8 authorities of Immigration and Customs Enforcement who then arrested Shirley Tan for
9 alleged violations of immigration law, and

10 WHEREAS, Shirley Tan has been in a committed relationship with Jay Mercado, a
11 citizen of the United States of America, for over 23 years; and

12 WHEREAS, Shirley Tan and Jay Mercado were legally married in 2004 and, further,
13 registered as domestic partners; and

14 WHEREAS, Shirley Tan and Jay Mercado are the parents of twelve-year old sons
15 Joriene and Jashley, and are American family in every respect, except as recognized by
16 United States law; and

17 WHEREAS, United States law has long provided a clear path to citizenship for
18 individuals who risk persecution in their home countries, and for individuals in loving,
19 committed relationships with United States citizens, and

20 WHEREAS, The United States has afforded rights on a particular class of individuals
21 while denying other individuals the same rights in violation of the constitutional principles of
22 due process and equal protection, and in violation of principles of decency and fairness; and,
23 now, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges federal authorities to
25 take immediate steps to grant Shirley Tan legal United States citizenship; and, be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges Congress
 2 to speedily pass the Uniting American Families Act (UAFA, H.R. 1024, S. 424) to halt the
 3 destruction of similarly situated American families; and, be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, That it is requested that the Clerk of the Board forward this
 5 resolution to the members of the California Congressional delegation.

6
 7
 8
 9
 10
 11
 12
 13
 14
 15
 16
 17
 18
 19
 20
 21
 22
 23
 24
 25