

1 [Commending Cobre, Native Sons Building, and One Atmosphere]

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3 **Resolution commending the artist Cobre, the Native Sons Building, and the**
4 **environmental nonprofit One Atmosphere for coming together to create the mural**
5 **depicting environmental activist Greta Thunberg and amplifying her call for action**
6 **against climate change.**

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8 WHEREAS, There is growing awareness, not just in San Francisco and California, but
9 the entire world, that climate change is a clear and immediate threat to the future sustainability
10 of our planet, which has translated into a historic environmental movement that has been well-
11 documented; and

12 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco initially implemented a Climate
13 Action Plan in 2004 and issued an updated Climate Action Strategy in 2013; and

14 WHEREAS, The consequences of a warming climate have proven to be more
15 pronounced than anticipated since the initial implementation of the Climate Action Plan in
16 2004; and

17 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors unanimously declared a Climate
18 Emergency via resolution on April 12, 2019, on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
19 in File No. 190222, which is hereby declared to be a part of this resolution as if set forth fully
20 herein; and

21 WHEREAS, Greta Thunberg is a teenage Swedish environmentalist whose work to
22 combat climate change has activated concerned citizens, particularly young people, across
23 the world; and

24 WHEREAS, Greta Thunberg first began her call to climate action by leading a school
25 strike outside of the Swedish parliament, which morphed into the sustained student coalition

1 effort dubbed the “Fridays for Future” movement, with students demanding stronger action by
2 world leaders to combat climate change; and

3 WHEREAS, Over one million children have participated in climate strikes across the
4 globe, with an estimated 40,000 people participating in a youth-led climate strike in San
5 Francisco on September 20, 2019; and

6 WHEREAS, The Native Sons Building was opened in 1912, dedicated to the historic
7 preservation, documentation of historic structures and places in the State of California; and

8 WHEREAS, The Native Sons Building has accommodated the artistic contributions of
9 internationally acclaimed Argentinian artist Cobre, who was commissioned to paint a mural on
10 the north wall of the fraternal organization’s building at 420 Mason Street in San Francisco;
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12 WHEREAS, Cobre’s recently completed mural is a magnificent 60-foot depiction of
13 Greta Thunberg, in recognition of her inspiring environmental activism; and

14 WHEREAS, Upon its completion, the Greta Thunberg mural has been celebrated by
15 San Francisco’s residents and in media coverage across the world as not only a wonderful
16 piece of public art that contributes to San Francisco’s urban landscape but also as a timely
17 amplification of Ms. Thunberg’s call for dramatic social action and environmental change; and

18 WHEREAS, The painting of the mural was organized, conceived and funded by the
19 San Francisco environmental nonprofit One Atmosphere, which has been working on projects
20 to combat climate change since 2007, and now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
22 commends the artist Cobre, the Native Sons Building, and the environmental nonprofit One
23 Atmosphere for coming together to create the mural depicting environmental activist Greta
24 Thunberg and amplifying her call for action against climate change.

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