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7 WHEREAS, Chinese have been immigrating to America and especially to San
8 Francisco since the eighteenth century; and

9 WHEREAS, the history of Chinese immigration to America and the contributions of
10 Chinese migrants to American history have not always been acknowledged or taught in U.S.
11 schools; and,

12 WHEREAS, award winning journalist Bill Moyers has produced a three-part special
13 series, “Becoming American: The Chinese Experience” to fill the gap in understanding by
14 outlining Chinese migration to America through interviews with historians, descendants, and
15 recent immigrants; and,

16 WHEREAS, the PBS series recalls the important role played by Chinese immigrants in
17 constructing the transcontinental railroad and the aftermath of prejudice they faced with the
18 federal government’s Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882 severely limiting the number of Chinese
19 who could come to America; and,

20 WHEREAS, his series shows that despite the anti-Chinese rhetoric and laws,
21 immigrants from China were still able to survive and succeed in American society; and,

22 WHEREAS, his interviews with prominent Chinese Americans such as AIDS
23 researcher David Ho, author Gish Jen and architect Maya Lin give the public tangible
24 evidence of the important contributions of Chinese immigrants to our country ; and,
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1 WHEREAS, the timeliness of his series chronicling Chinese immigrant history serves
2 to remind the public of the need to be tolerant and understanding of all of the various cultures
3 and ethnicities that make up the very fabric of American society; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
5 congratulates Bill Moyers for his success in creating and airing the PBS series, “Becoming
6 American: The Chinese Experience”; and, be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
8 Francisco commends Bill Moyers and PBS for their leadership and continued commitment to
9 broadening our understanding of the important role immigrants play in shaping our country.

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