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7 WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. G. Penny Nixon has served for the past five years as
8 Senior Pastor of Metropolitan Community Church of San Francisco, one of the city's
9 largest and most active churches and a spiritual and community center for the LGBT
10 community; and

11 WHEREAS, Reverend Nixon was ordained in 1990 and since then has
12 ministered with love to many and diverse communities, including as Columbia
13 University's Campus Minister, in the Global Mission Unit of the Presbyterian Church in
14 Soweto, South Africa, and for the past 12 years as volunteer and staff at Metropolitan
15 Community Church of San Francisco; and

16 WHEREAS, Since 1997, Reverend Nixon has also worked with Metropolitan
17 Community Foundation, expanding foundation services to the homeless and poor in
18 our City as Vice President, Executive Director and President of the board; and

19 WHEREAS, Through her leadership at the Metropolitan Community Church,
20 Reverend Nixon inspires dramatic change as a person of faith for the
21 gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgender community and all disenfranchised groups; and

22 WHEREAS, Reverend Nixon is constantly integrating her identities as a woman,
23 lesbian, political activist, preacher, teacher and pluralistic progressive Christian to
24 encourage all queer people to experience the vitality of Christianity while rejecting
25 church-driven bigotry, racism, fundamentalism and homophobia; and

1 WHEREAS, Reverend Nixon retires on September 17th, 2006; now, therefore,
2 be it

3 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors commends
4 Reverend Dr. G. Penny Nixon for her outstanding dedication to the people of San
5 Francisco through her exemplary service at Metropolitan Community Church of San
6 Francisco on the occasion of her transition and wishes her best of luck in her next
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