

1 [Commending the California Japanese American Community Leadership Counsel.]

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3 **Resolution commending the California Japanese American Community Leadership**
4 **Counsel for their work on developing the California Japantown Landmark.**

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6 WHEREAS, The California Japanese American Community Leadership Counsel has
7 worked for several years to develop a common agenda and goals for the only three remaining
8 Japantowns in California; and

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10 WHEREAS, One of these goals has been to create a landmark that would designate
11 California’s Japantowns as an historical and a community asset, educate people about their
12 histories, and the fact that these are real communities and not merely tourist destinations;
13 and,

14 WHEREAS, Other goals of the landmark project are to recognize that California’s
15 Japantowns were the sites of one of the greatest civil liberty violations in American history, to
16 offer promise for the future, and to celebrate America’s faith and determination in avoiding
17 more such civil liberties violations; and,

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19 WHEREAS, On June 2, 2005, as part of the California Conference on the Internment of
20 Japanese Americans, the California Japantown Landmark was officially unveiled in San
21 Francisco and dedicated with the theme “From Injustice to Redress”; and,

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23 WHEREAS, The three-sided, nine-foot landmark was designed by nationally acclaimed
24 artists Lou Quaintance and Eugene Daub and incorporates a poem by noted San Francisco
25 poet Janice Mirikitani; and

1 WHEREAS, The landmark will be a permanent outdoor historic art exhibit and will,
2 together with exhibits in San Jose and Los Angeles, provide millions of visitors with the
3 opportunity to learn about the history of Japanese Americans in California and their painful
4 past experience of incarceration and mass evacuation; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
6 commend the California Japanese American Community Leadership Counsel for the
7 development and dedication of the California Japantown Landmark.
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