

1 [Commendation.]

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3 **Resolution commending the Raphael House for the success of its recent fundraiser**
4 **held on Thursday, May 3rd, 2001 at the Ritz Carlton Hotel, to raise monetary support for**
5 **its continued efforts serving homeless families.**

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7 WHEREAS, The Raphael House was established in 1971 by the Holy Order of MANS
8 (later known as Christ the Savior Brotherhood) a small religious order which donated all of the
9 labor and cost of its shelter for women and children; and,

10 WHEREAS, The mission of Raphael House is to help at-risk families achieve stable
11 housing and financial independence, while strengthening family bonds; and,

12 WHEREAS, Raphael House became the first shelter in San Francisco for homeless
13 families; and,

14 WHEREAS, Raphael House was originally an emergency shelter, and is now
15 composed of four distinct but interconnected elements that include the family shelter, case
16 work, counseling and education, a children's program; and,

17 WHEREAS, In May 2000, Raphael House created the AfterCare Program to serve
18 those families who have left a residential setting but remain active in this program and live in
19 San Francisco, South San Francisco, Daly City, Oakland the East Bay areas; and,

20 WHEREAS, This year, 139 parents and children stayed in the Raphael House shelter,
21 while 714 former residents participated in the AfterCare Program; and,

22 WHEREAS, Raphael House chooses not to receive government funding from federal
23 state or city agencies, but rather relies on private sources and the Raphael House Thrift Store
24 to meet its annual budget of \$1.9 million; and;

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1 WHEREAS, Raphael House receives funding both nationally and from the Bay Area
2 community; and,

3 WHEREAS, To date, over 12,000 people have invested financially and volunteer
4 support to assist Raphael House with its mission; and,

5 WHEREAS, More than 70 individuals currently volunteer on a weekly basis in every
6 aspect of Raphael House daily life, as well as helping with special projects; and,

7 WHEREAS, The total number of volunteers roughly equals the total number of children
8 and parents that are served by Raphael House; and, now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco Board of Supervisors does
10 hereby commend Raphael House for its successful 30-year history in serving homeless and
11 formerly homeless families in San Francisco and the greater Bay Area; and, be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors congratulates Raphael House
13 for yet another successful fundraiser event held last week to raise support for its continued
14 efforts in serving homeless families.



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May 21, 2001 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 8 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Peskin, Sandoval
Absent: 3 - Leno, Newsom, Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on May 21, 2001 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.