

1 [Bill Walsh Way.]

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3 **Resolution urging the Department of Public Works to honor Bill Walsh by renaming**
4 **Giants Drive “Bill Walsh Way”.**

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6 WHEREAS, Bill Walsh was at the helm of one of the greatest success stories in the
7 history of professional sports, taking over a losing San Francisco 49ers team in 1979 and
8 building it into the most successful NFL franchise over the last two decades; and

9 WHEREAS, during the 10-year period of 1979-88, Walsh laid the foundation of success
10 that the 49ers have achieved over the last 20 years, beginning the unprecedented streak of
11 16 consecutive 10-win seasons in 1983; and,

12 WHEREAS, Under his direction, the 49ers won three Super Bowl titles (1981, 1984 and
13 1988), made seven NFC postseason appearances and claimed six NFC West division
14 championships; and,

15 WHEREAS, Bill Walsh was twice named NFL Coach-of-the-Year (1981, 1984), was
16 later named NFL Coach-of-the-Decade for the 1980s, and became one of only 14 coaches in
17 the history of professional football to be elected to the Hall of Fame, where he was enshrined
18 in 1993; and,

19 WHEREAS, Bill Walsh returned to the organization as Vice President/General Manager
20 January 20, 1999 with a plan to correct San Francisco's salary cap problems and restock the
21 roster with young, talented players, landing 11 players in the 2000 draft, including five rookie
22 starters on defense; and,

23 WHEREAS, Bill Walsh's impact on coaching is evident by the rise of former assistants,
24 players and people under his influence, including Dennis Green, Mike Holmgren, Mike
25 Shanahan, Ray Rhodes, Jeff Fisher, Sam Wyche, Rod Dowhower, Bruce Coslet, Sherman

1 Lewis, Brian Billick, Gary Kubiak, George Seifert, Jon Gruden, Paul Hackett, Tom Holmoe,
2 Dwaine Board, Bobb McKittrick, Bill McPherson, Tom Rathman, Harry Sydney and Tom
3 Lovat; and,

4 WHEREAS, In 1987, Bill Walsh created the Minority Coaching Fellowship Program that
5 has produced, among others, Tyrone Willingham, Notre Dame's head coach, Marvin Lewis,
6 Baltimore's defensive coordinator, and NFL assistants Bobby Turner, Don Martin and Don
7 Treadwell—a program so successful that the NFL later adopted this Fellowship as a league-
8 wide program; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That Bill Walsh's extensive contributions to the sport of football, to the
10 people of the City and County of San Francisco and to the fans of the San Francisco 49ers is
11 so overwhelming that he deserves public recognition; and, be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
13 Francisco urges the Department of Public Works to rename Giants Drive near the home of the
14 beloved San Francisco 49ers at Candlestick Point as “Bill Walsh Way” to coincide with
15 opening day, Sept. 12, 2004.

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