

1 [Temporary Assistance for Needy Families]
2 COMMENDING SENATOR WELLSTONE FOR HIS ATTEMPTS TO EXPAND
3 EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR WELFARE RECIPIENTS AND URGING THE
4 CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE TO DETERMINE THE SIZE OF THE STATE'S CASELOAD
5 REDUCTION CREDIT IN ORDER TO ALLOW WELFARE RECIPIENTS TO COUNT TWO
6 YEARS OF HIGHER EDUCATION AS A WORK ACTIVITY

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8 WHEREAS, The Higher Education Amendments of 1998 amend provisions of the
9 federal Higher Education Act of 1965 and reauthorize programs included in the Act for five
10 years; and,

11 WHEREAS, Senator Paul Wellstone (D-MN) introduced an amendment to the Higher
12 Education Act to make two years of higher education count as a work activity under the
13 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program; and,

14 WHEREAS, Senator Wellstone's amendment was stripped in a conference committee
15 last week; and,

16 WHEREAS, The Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program currently limits the
17 amount of post-secondary education training that a state can count towards meeting its work
18 requirement to 12 months; and,

19 WHEREAS, The Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program will penalize
20 states if they do not meet federal work participation rates; and,

21 WHEREAS, Studies show that short-term training programs raise the income of
22 workers only marginally, while completion of a two-year associate degree provides greater
23 potential to break the cycle of poverty for recipients of public assistance; now, therefore, be it
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1 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
2 commends Senator Wellstone for his amendment to the Higher Education Act and his
3 attempts to expand educational opportunities for welfare recipients; and, be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
5 Francisco urges the California Legislature to determine the size of California's caseload
6 reduction credit in order to allow welfare recipients to count two years of higher education as
7 work activity; and be it

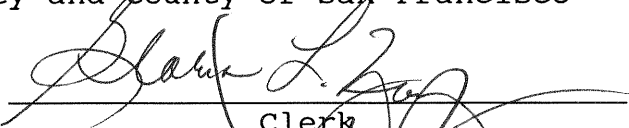
8 FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to his Honor, the
9 Mayor, with a request that he transmit copies to the delegation from San Francisco in the
10 State Legislature, as well as Governor Pete Wilson, with a request they all take action
11 necessary to achieve the objectives of this resolution.

Adopted - Board of Supervisors, San Francisco October 5, 1998

Ayes: Supervisors Ammiano Brown Kaufman Leno Newsom Teng
Yee

Absent: Supervisors Bierman Katz Medina Yaki

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution
was adopted by the Board of Supervisors
of the City and County of San Francisco


Clerk


Mayor

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