

1 [Commendation - Laura Lai - Distinguished Service]

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3 **Resolution commending Laura Lai for her lifetime of community activism, civil rights**  
4 **advocacy, and documentation of Chinese American history, and declaring April 27,**  
5 **2013, as Laura Lai Day in the City and County of San Francisco.**

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7 WHEREAS, Laura Lai (née Jung) came to San Francisco in 1949 as a young  
8 immigrant, became a student in the San Francisco public schools, and graduated from Galileo  
9 High School; and

10 WHEREAS, Laura Lai soon joined Mun Ching (the Chinese American Democratic  
11 Youth League), a progressive organization in the Chinese American community, at a time  
12 when such organizations were subject to surveillance and harassment by the federal  
13 government and some elements of the Chinese American community; and

14 WHEREAS, Laura Lai has ever since continued to engage in progressive causes and  
15 community service; and

16 WHEREAS, Laura Lai tirelessly supported her late husband Him Mark Lai's  
17 groundbreaking research into Chinese American history, including by serving as the chauffeur  
18 for her non-driving husband; and

19 WHEREAS, Laura Lai has made generous donations of money and materials to the  
20 Chinese Historical Society of America, the San Francisco Public Library, the University of  
21 California, Berkeley, Friends of Roots, and many other community organizations; and

22 WHEREAS, Laura Lai always says "I am a lucky girl," when all of San Francisco is  
23 most fortunate to have benefitted from her lifetime of community activism, civil rights  
24 advocacy, and documentation of Chinese American history; and

25 WHEREAS, Laura Lai serves as a key advisor to Friends of Roots and the Roots: Him Mark

1 Lai Family History Project; and

2 WHEREAS, Laura Lai is being honored by the Friends of Roots on the occasion of  
3 their fourth annual “Eat. Root. Love.” Gala on April 27, 2013; now therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
5 commends and congratulates Laura Lai for her decades of service to our community; and be  
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7 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San  
8 Francisco declares April 27, 2013, as Laura Lai Day in the City and County of San Francisco.

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