

1 [Commending Richard Lipner.]  
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3 **Resolution recognizing the tremendous contribution that Richard Lipner has made to**  
4 **the seniors of San Francisco and commending him for his dedication, and wishing him**  
5 **well in his future endeavors.**  
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7 WHEREAS, Richard Howard Lipner came to California with his family in 1961 where  
8 he received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from University of California at  
9 Berkeley and a Master of Business Administration in Health Care Administration from Golden  
10 Gate University in San Francisco; and,  
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12 WHEREAS, Richard's desire to serve the elderly prompted him to begin his career at  
13 Goldman Insurance in San Francisco, then served as Assistant Director at the Home for  
14 Jewish Parents in Oakland, and finally accepting the position of Executive Director at Meals  
15 on Wheels of San Francisco in 1988; and,  
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17 WHEREAS, It was Richard's vision and dedication that took the Meals on Wheels  
18 organization from small rented rooms on Sutter Street to ownership of a building on Fairfax  
19 Avenue that includes their own 7,000 square foot kitchen with a capability of serving over  
20 6000 meals per day; and,  
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22 WHEREAS, In 1988, when Richard began, Meals on Wheels of San Francisco  
23 delivered approximately 165,000 meals and had an extensive waiting list, in 1999, he made a  
24 bold decision to eliminate the waiting list and in 2001 served almost 750,000 meals; and,  
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1           WHEREAS, Richard understands the changing needs of seniors and has reorganized  
2 his staff and delivery systems to reflect those needs making available frozen, hot, and chilled  
3 delivered meals as well providing a hot lunch for seniors at the Dorwin Jones congregate site  
4 in the Trinity Church; and,

5           WHEREAS, During Richard's tenure, Meals on Wheels of San Francisco has been  
6 recognized by the California State Senate, the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of  
7 San Francisco, Mayor Frank Jordan, and Mayor Willie Lewis Brown, Jr. for outstanding  
8 community service and invaluable contributions to the seniors of San Francisco; and,  
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10           WHEREAS, Richard himself has been honored by the Meals on Wheels Association of  
11 America, the Meals on Wheels Fund, and Community Adult Day Health Services for superior  
12 leadership and dedication. He has also provided expert testimony to the United States House  
13 of Representatives on two occasions and served as a delegate to the 1995 White House  
14 Conference on Aging; and,

15           WHEREAS, While serving as president of National Association of Meal Providers, he  
16 instituted the first National Nutrition Certification Program that provides accreditation for  
17 programs that demonstrate the highest standards of efficient and effective service to the its  
18 community; and,  
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20           WHEREAS, Richard was instrumental in launching the Meals on Wheels Gala, an  
21 annual fundraiser featuring San Francisco's top chefs and vintners. The Gala has raised over  
22 2 million dollars and has become one of San Francisco's premier charity events. Overall,  
23 Richard has raised more than \$10,000,000.00 for general operating costs, excluding  
24 \$3,000,000.00 raised for the capital building fund; and,  
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1           WHEREAS, Richard is active in the community, and has served or is now serving on  
2 the Board of Directors of the Meals on Wheels Association of America, the California  
3 Association of Nutrition Directors for the Elderly, the In Home Supportive Services  
4 Consortium of San Francisco, the Coalition of Agencies Serving the Elderly, Community Adult  
5 Day Health Services, Project Meal Foundation, Community Advisory Committee of St. Francis  
6 Memorial Hospital; the Services and Programs Advisory Committee of San Francisco Office  
7 on Aging, and the Meals on Wheels Fund; and,

8           WHEREAS, Richard has been always been a standard bearer for excellence in  
9 providing services to the elderly and ever diligent in his efforts to keep seniors in their homes  
10 as long as possible; and,

11           WHEREAS, Richard is leaving Meals on Wheels of San Francisco after almost 15  
12 years of exceptional commitment and leadership to pursue a role that will allow greater  
13 opportunities to serve on a national level; now therefore, be it,

14           RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Board of Supervisors recognizes the tremendous  
15 contribution that Richard Lipner has made to the seniors of San Francisco and commends  
16 him for his dedication, and does wish him well in future endeavors.  
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November 18, 2002 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 8 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Newsom, Peskin,  
Sandoval

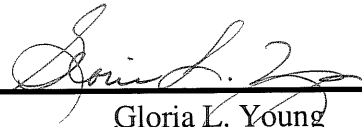
Absent: 3 - Hall, Leno, Yee

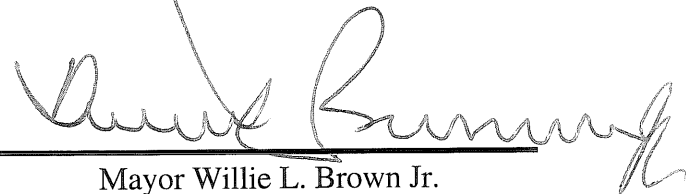
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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on November 18, 2002 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

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Date Approved

  
Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board

  
Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.