

1 [Resolution Brady Street Memorial]

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3 **Resolution dedicating Brady Street in San Francisco to the memory of Margaret and**
4 **Bernard Brady and recognizing the other historical figures for whom the street was**
5 **named.**

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7 WHEREAS, In 1940, Bernard Brady and Margaret Fegan, native San Franciscans,
8 married and settled on 39th Avenue in the Richmond District of San Francisco; and

9 WHEREAS, Bernard was a revenue agent for the State Board of Equalization; and

10 WHEREAS, Bernard was elected to the Democratic County Central Committee at 21
11 years of age and served for five terms; and

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13 WHEREAS, Bernard served in the Coast Guard during World War II; and

14 WHEREAS, At age 30, Bernard was elected to the California State Legislature and
15 represented San Francisco for seven consecutive terms; and

16 WHEREAS, Bernard chaired the first legislative committee charged with coordinating
17 highways, public transportation, and public transit laying the groundwork for the Bay Area
18 Rapid Transit System; and

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20 WHEREAS, Bernard was appointed by Governor Edmund G. Brown to direct the
21 largest agency in the Department of Professional and Vocational Standards; and

22 WHEREAS, Bernard organized the first statewide advocacy organization of aged,
23 blind, and disabled; and

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1 WHEREAS, His advocacy with Assemblyman John Burton resulted in the
2 establishment of the Medi-Cal Program; and

3 WHEREAS, His work with Representative Phillip Burton resulted in the enactment of
4 the landmark Supplemental Security Income aspect of the Social Security system; and

5 WHEREAS, Margaret edited and served as a columnist for the *Placer Herald*,
6 California's oldest continuously published weekly newspaper; and

7 WHEREAS, Margaret produced and hosted the monthly "Capitol Forum" broadcast
8 radio program from Sacramento; and

9 WHEREAS, Margaret directed two successful supervisorial campaigns electing Peter
10 Tamaras to consecutive terms as president of the Board of Supervisors; and

11 WHEREAS, Margaret advocated for the initiation of the Department of Agriculture's
12 Food Stamp Program in San Francisco; and

13 WHEREAS, Margaret founded the Save Our Richmond Environment (S.O.R.E.)
14 neighborhood organization and introduced the term "Richmond Special" to the lexicon against
15 unfettered residential development; and

16 WHEREAS, Margaret directed campaigns electing George Moscone as member of the
17 Board of Supervisors and, subsequently, to the State Senate and, finally, as San Francisco's
18 Mayor; and

19 WHEREAS, Margaret served as assistant general manager of the Public Utilities
20 Commission; and

21 WHEREAS, Margaret became the first woman to head a City department as Executive
22 Director of the Parking Authority; and
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1 WHEREAS, As Executive Director, she built the Grove Street Opera Parking Garage,
2 the first City building to be paid for in cash without borrowing loans; and

3 WHEREAS, Margaret edited and published, *The Bulletin* for the Retired City
4 Employees of San Francisco, and directed successful citywide campaigns to increase retiree
5 benefits; and

6 WHEREAS, Margaret and Bernard were proud parents of Mary Anne, Margaret,
7 Catherine, Carmel, Bernard, Finnarr, Peter, Gerald, Paul and Owen; now, therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
9 proudly honor the memory of Margaret & Bernard Brady; and, be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City respects and admires these two model lives
11 dedicated to public service; and, be it

12 FINALLY RESOLVED, That Brady Street, between Market and McCoppin Streets, is
13 dedicated in memory of Margaret and Bernard Brady in addition to other historical figures for
14 which the street was originally named.
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