

1 [Commendation- Japanese Community Youth Council.]

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3 **Resolution commending the Mayor’s YouthWorks Program and the Mayor’s Education**
4 **and Employment Program on having been selected as recipients of the prestigious**
5 **PEPNET Award and commending the Japanese Community Youth Council for serving**
6 **as the lead agency of these two youth employment programs.**

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8 WHEREAS, On September 18th, 2003, San Francisco’s the Mayor’s Youth
9 Employment and Education Program (“MYEEP”) and YouthWorks were recognized in
10 Washington, D.C. for demonstrating effectiveness in preparing youth for careers and
11 independent learning; and,

12 WHEREAS, The Mayor’s Youth Employment and Education Program, a 12-agency
13 collaboration, annually provides subsidized employment to over 1,200 high school students;
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15 WHEREAS, The MYEEP collaboration includes the following agencies; Bernal Heights
16 Neighborhood Center, Community Educational Services, Community Youth Center, Horizons
17 Unlimited, Jewish Vocational Service, Morrisania West, Inc., Pilgrim Community Center,
18 Potrero Hill Neighborhood Center, Vietnamese youth Development Center, Visitacion Valley
19 Community Center, and the Young Community Developers; and,

20 WHEREAS, MYEEP targets low-income, high-risk youth from neighborhoods
21 throughout San Francisco to provide work experience, training in job search techniques,
22 career exploration and post secondary education; and,

23 WHEREAS, YouthWorks is a year-round public sector internship and employment
24 program, and offers internship opportunities in more than sixty city departments, one-to-one
25 job shadowing, career mentoring and resume and portfolio assistance. Participating students

1 are eligible for stipends and college credit and are invited to enroll in pertinent college-level
2 courses specifically designed for YouthWorks participants at San Francisco State University
3 and City College of San Francisco; and,

4 WHEREAS, In order to achieve national recognition, both programs went through a
5 rigorous application and review process in which the had to demonstrate effectiveness in
6 management, youth development, preparation of youth for career success, and soundness in
7 data evaluating results; and,

8 WHEREAS, The Promising and Effective Practices Network, also known as PEPNet,
9 enables programs to engage in a self-assessment and a continuous improvement process,
10 learning from initiatives recognized by PEPNet and documenting evidence of their own
11 activities that achieve superior results. PEPNet demonstrates that there are many youth
12 employment programs that are effective in the preparation of young people for the workforce
13 and life.

14 WHEREAS, Both MYEEP and YouthWorks are examples of how San Francisco
15 successfully meets the city benchmark that our City's children and youth contribute to the
16 growth, development and vitality of San Francisco; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
18 does hereby commend both MYEEP and YouthWorks for having been selected as recipients
19 of the prestigious 2003 PEPNet Award in a ceremony held in a ceremony led by Officials of
20 the U.S. Department of Labor for Employment for Employment and Training, and Steve
21 Trippe, Char of the National Youth Employment Coalition; and, be it

22 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors does hereby commend the
23 Japanese Community Youth Council for having served as the lead agency to these youth
24 employment programs, and for providing the necessary community leadership to ensure that
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1 MYEEP and YouthWorks continue to strive for and receive national recognition as a leader in
2 youth development and youth employment.

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