

1 [Resolution Supporting Conscientious Objection to the Iraq War and Occupation]

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5 WHEREAS, 63% of San Francisco voters have approved Proposition N, a declaration
6 of City policy urging the United States government to cease hostilities in Iraq and bring all
7 military personnel in Iraq back to the United States; and,

8 WHEREAS, Conscientious Objection and civil resistance by military servicepersons is
9 a healthy and important function in the military in a democracy especially where the decisions
10 to invade and occupy Iraq were made undemocratically, in violation of international law and
11 based on continuing lies and misinformation; and,

12 WHEREAS, The invasion and occupation of Iraq was preceded by and has
13 subsequently included Genocide, War Crimes, Crimes Against Humanity and Acts of Torture
14 in violation the Geneva Conventions, the Nuremberg Conventions and the U.N. Charter; and,

15 WHEREAS, The U.S. Military Code of Justice states that military personnel have a
16 right and a duty to disobey illegal orders; and,

17 WHEREAS, Pablo Paredes, Kevin Benderman and many other military personnel have
18 applied for conscientious objector status and have been punished for applying, denied due
19 process and had their claims wrongly rejected; and,

20 WHEREAS, Pablo Paredes and Kevin Benderman face military courts martial which
21 may result in forfeiture of pay and benefits, and military jail time for their conscientious
22 objection and upholding of international law; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors recognizes the courage and honor of Kevin
24 Benderman, Pablo Paredes and other conscientious objectors; and, be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the United States military
2 to respect and recognize the right of Kevin Benderman and Pablo Paredes to conscientious
3 objector status and to refrain from court martial, imprisonment, confiscation of pay or benefits
4 or other punishments; and, be it

5 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors recognizes May 10, 2005 as
6 National Day of Action to Support GI Resisters.

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May 17, 2005 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Ma, Maxwell,
McGoldrick, Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution
was ADOPTED on May 17, 2005 by the
Board of Supervisors of the City and County
of San Francisco.

[Handwritten signature of Gloria L. Young]

Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved

[Handwritten signature of Mayor Gavin Newsom]

Mayor Gavin Newsom

Date: May 27, 2005

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as
set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, became effective without his approval in accordance with
the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter.

[Handwritten signature of Clerk of the Board]

Clerk of the Board

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