

1 [Commending President Clinton]

2 **COMMENDING PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON FOR APPOINTING JAMES HORMEL AS**
3 **AMBASSADOR TO LUXEMBOURG.**

4 WHEREAS, President Bill Clinton officially appointed San Francisco philanthropist
5 James Hormel as Ambassador to Luxembourg on June 4, 1999; and

6 WHEREAS, James Hormel was nominated on October 7, 1997 was approved by 16-2
7 vote in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee,; and

8 WHEREAS, However, the nomination was prevented from going to the Senate by a
9 blocked by a few Republicans, such as Senators Lott (R-Miss), Inhofe (R-Okla), Smith (R-New
10 Hamp), and Hutchinson (R-Ark) , who openly declared that their opposition was because
11 Hormel was gay; and

12 WHEREAS, Not only are the actions of the Republican Senators biased and
13 discriminatory, but they have verbal attacked Mr. Hormel in the press with homophobic
14 remarks such as equating homosexuality with alcoholism and kleptomania; and

15 WHEREAS, James Hormel, a longtime San Francisco resident and president of
16 Equidex, has been active in local affairs for numerous years including being a board member
17 of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, a member of the 51st United Nations Human
18 Rights Commission; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Hormel is also a well known philanthropist and has donated \$500,000
20 to the San Francisco Main Library's Gay and Lesbian Center; and

21 WHEREAS, James Hormel will be the first openly gay ambassador in U.S. history ;
22 now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
24 commends President Bill Clinton for appointing James Hormel as ambassador to Luxembourg;
25 and be it

Supervisors Ammiano, Leno, Teng

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FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors commends Ambassador James Hormel for being the first openly gay ambassador in United States history.

SUPERVISOR AMMIANO



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Resolution

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Resolution commending President Bill Clinton for appointing James Hormel as ambassador to Luxembourg.

June 14, 1999 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Teng, Yee

Absent: 1 - Yaki

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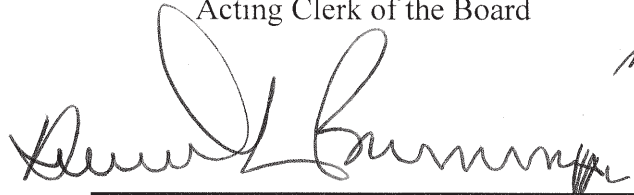
I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on June 14, 1999 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.



Jean Lum
Acting Clerk of the Board

JUN 25 1999

Date Approved



Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.