1    [Noe Valley/Sally Brunn Branch Library reopening]

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3    **Resolution recognizing the Grand Re-Opening of the Noe Valley/Sally Brunn Branch**

4    **Library and commending the San Francisco Public Library and its team for their hard**

5    **work and commitment to San Francisco and its residents.**

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7    WHEREAS, The Branch Library Improvement Program (BLIP), funded by the bond

8    measure passed in November 2000 by the voters of San Francisco, calls for seventeen

9    branches to be renovated, four leased facilities to be replaced with City-owned buildings, two

10   branches to be replaced with new buildings, and one brand-new branch to be constructed in

11   Mission Bay; and,

12   WHEREAS, The Noe Valley/Sally Brunn Branch Library has been fully renovated and

13   will celebrate its grand re-opening on Saturday, March 8, 2008 at 1:00 pm; and,

14   WHEREAS, This historic Carnegie library is now seismically safe and fully accessible

15   and has been transformed into a state of the art library designed to serve the neighborhood

16   for many more decades to come; and,

17   WHEREAS, The architects took great care to preserve and restore the historic

18   features of this 1916 Carnegie landmark while bringing the facility into the 21st century in

19   terms of seismic safety, energy conservation, accessibility to all users, and changes in library

20   service; and,

21   WHEREAS, Highlights of the renovation include a new elevator, designated teen area,

22   improved main reading and children's areas, accessible restrooms, an updated books and

23   materials collection, new computers, free WiFi access to the Internet, new lights, new and

24   restored furniture, and beautifully restored ornamental ceiling and façade; and

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1     WHEREAS, The library continued to serve the community during the branch

2 renovation with the help of Bethany United Methodist Church, which hosted weekly children's

3 lapsits and storytimes and by providing Bookmobile service in front of St. Philip's School; and

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5     WHEREAS, The renovation has been a team effort between the San Francisco Public

Library staff and administrators, Department of Public Works Division of Project Management

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and Bureau of Construction Management, Carey and Co. Architecture, L.C. General

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Engineering and Construction, Library Commissioners, Friends of the San Francisco Public

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Library, and members of the Noe Valley community who raised funds and helped design the

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branch to suit their neighborhood's needs; now, therefore, be it

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11     RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors commends the San Francisco Public

Library, the Friends of the San Francisco Public Library, the Department of Public Works,

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members of the Noe Valley community, and the entire team that made this project so

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successful for their dedication and hard work; and, be it

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15     FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors invites the public to join the

celebration of the re-dedication of the Noe Valley/Sally Brunn Branch Library on Saturday,

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March 8, 2008 at 1:00 pm at the branch, 451 Jersey Street.

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