

1 [Bishop Otis Charles Day - April 24, 2011]

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3 **Resolution honoring Otis Charles and proclaiming April 24, 2011, to be Bishop Otis**  
4 **Charles Day.**

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6 WHEREAS, Bishop Otis Charles has for more than six decades been providing  
7 spiritual guidance to generations of seekers; and

8 WHEREAS, Bishop Otis Charles is one of the founders of Oasis/California – a gay and  
9 lesbian ministry which seeks to open a dialogue between LGBT communities and the  
10 congregations in which they worship; and

11 WHEREAS, Bishop Otis Charles has courageously been providing ministry and service  
12 to the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender communities, and serves as a role model for  
13 these communities through his proud and open marriage to Felipe-Sanchez Paris, and his  
14 continuing challenge to the Church’s status quo; and

15 WHEREAS, Bishop Otis Charles, through his life’s work continues to celebrate God’s  
16 presence in lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender life, and advocates justice for lesbian, gay,  
17 bisexual, and transgender people; and

18 WHEREAS, In 1999 Bishop Otis Charles was arrested, charged, and led away in  
19 handcuffs for his civil disobedience at the Church’s General Convention in Denver, Colorado  
20 during a protest against what demonstrators described as the Church’s long history of  
21 oppression against lesbian and gay peoples; and

22 WHEREAS, Bishop Otis Charles is now putting to pen the memoirs of his historic and  
23 ever-unfolding life; and

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1           WHEREAS, On Easter Sunday, April 24, 2011 Bishop Otis Charles will celebrate both  
2 his 85<sup>th</sup> birthday and 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of his marriage to Felipe Sanchez-Paris; now, therefore,  
3 be it

4           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco,  
5 hereby proclaims April 24, 2011, to be “Bishop Otis Charles Day” in the City and County of  
6 San Francisco.

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