

1 [San Francisco Chinese American Veterans Recognition Day.]

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3 **Resolution declaring February 16, 2004 to be “San Francisco Chinese American**  
4 **Veterans Recognition Day”.**

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6 WHEREAS, The Chinese American contribution to the defense of America since the  
7 American Civil War has often been overlooked; and,

8 WHEREAS, Through the combined efforts of Cathay Post 384 of the American Legion,  
9 other Chinese American veterans groups and Chinese community family organizations,  
10 businesses and individuals, a memorial bronze plaque was successfully installed on May 30,  
11 1954 at St. Mary’s Square in San Francisco’s Chinatown; and,

12 WHEREAS, The memorial bronze plaque honors the 90 American soldiers of Chinese  
13 ancestry who were killed in action during World War I and World War II; and,

14 WHEREAS, The sacrifice of these fallen soldiers assisted the efforts of living veterans  
15 to influence immigration policy and obtain legal United States citizenship; and,

16 WHEREAS, All our soldiers should be recognized for their courage and loyalty in  
17 defense of democracy and our country; and,

18 WHEREAS, The memorial plaque had become badly damaged over time and Cathay  
19 Post 384 has been responsible for the repair and restoration; and,

20 WHEREAS, On February 16, 2004, a ceremony will take place at St. Mary’s Square in  
21 San Francisco’s Chinatown to commemorate the brave acts of our soldiers and the restoration  
22 of the plaque; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors declares February 16, 2004 to be “San  
24 Francisco Chinese American Veterans Recognition Day”.

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