

1 [Commending the spiritual leadership and dedication provided by Third Baptist Church and
2 for its numerous contributions to the people of the City and County of San Francisco on the
3 occasion of its sesquicentennial anniversary of service.]

4 **Resolution acknowledging the spiritual leadership and dedication provided by Third**
5 **Baptist Church and for its numerous contributions to the people of the City and County**
6 **of San Francisco on the occasion of its sesquicentennial anniversary of service.**

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8 WHEREAS, Third Baptist Church has served the people of the City and County of San
9 Francisco for 150 years; and,

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11 WHEREAS, Third Baptist Church is the oldest Black Baptist congregation established
12 west of the Rocky Mountains; and,

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14 WHEREAS, Third Baptist has continued to be the predominant Black Baptist presence
15 in the City and County of San Francisco; and,

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17 WHEREAS, The Church has served as a leader in the faith community and as a
18 source of education, social services, social control, economic development, cultural
19 enrichment and political action; and,

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21 WHEREAS, Some of the many accomplishments of the Church include a Summer
22 School program administering to the educational needs of Black youth and children in the
23 area; and,

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25 WHEREAS, Third Baptist conducts an after-school program acquainting youth with the
26 great Black musical traditions and establishing an on-going music training program for the
27 churches in the area; and,

1 WHEREAS, The Church has established an African Refugee project which has
2 resettled over 2,000 refugees from Africa; and,

3 WHEREAS, Third Baptist created the West Bay Center, a \$3 million development
4 involving a comprehensive community service center; and,

5 WHEREAS, Third Baptist sponsors a shelter for homeless people providing clothing
6 and hot food; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, that the City and County of San Francisco wishes to honor all of the work
8 of the Church on its 150th anniversary of service to the community; and, be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Board of Supervisors honors Third
10 Baptist Church this 27th day of October 2002 and thanks the Church for creating a better
11 quality of life for its congregation and the community of San Francisco.

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