

1 [Honoring Reverend Louis Vitale who has devoted over 40 years of his life to the service of
2 others]

3 **Resolution honoring Reverend Louis Vitale who has devoted over 40 years of his life to**
4 **the service of others by declaring September 29th, 2002 as Fr. Louis Vitale Day.**
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6 WHEREAS, In his position as pastor of St. Boniface Church, Fr. Vitale has: initiated
7 projects to help the homeless, assisted newly arrived immigrants, and has lead protests and
8 civil disobedience actions to further the goals of labor unionists and many other social justice
9 causes in San Francisco; and,
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11 WHEREAS, Fr. Vitale was a founder of the Nevada Desert Experience, which began
12 protests at the Nevada Nuclear Test Sites and which helped bring about a moratorium on
13 underground nuclear testing.

14 WHEREAS, He worked with welfare mothers in Las Vegas, and was involved in the
15 National Welfare Rights campaign and was on the faculty of the Franciscan School of
16 Theology as an instructor in Spirituality and the Practice of Nonviolence; and,

17 WHEREAS, Fr. Vitale was a founder of the international organization, Pace e Bene
18 Center for Nonviolence, teaching the practice and principles of peace and nonviolence
19 throughout the world; and,

20 WHEREAS, Last year he joined the national movement, School of the Americas
21 Watch, in their annual protest in Fort Benning, Georgia of the U.S. Army School of the
22 Americas.

23 WHEREAS, He trespassed onto the base in Fort Benning in a peaceful manner to
24 protest this U.S. Army training school and was sentenced to a prison term of three months;
25 now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors honors Reverend Louis
2 Vitale who has devoted over 40 years of his life to the service of others and proclaims
3 September 29th, 2002 as Fr. Louis Vitale Day.

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