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3 **Commending DJ Renán Almendárez Coello, known as El Cucuy, and the Votos por**
4 **America campaign who are working to register one million new voters.**

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6 WHEREAS, On Monday July 31st 2006, Spanish-language DJ Renán Almendárez
7 Coello, known as El Cucuy or "the boogeyman," began a national voter registration drive
8 called the Votos por America campaign; and

9 WHEREAS, Almendárez is taking his talk show on a two-week, 10-city bus tour that
10 began in San Jose and will end in Washington, D.C. on August 11th; and

11 WHEREAS, Almendárez's daily morning talk show, "El Cucuy de la Mañana," is
12 syndicated in 36 cities and has an estimated 35 million listeners; and

13 WHEREAS, The Votos por America campaign aims to register one million new voters
14 before the November's election; and

15 WHEREAS, 7.6 million Latinos voted in the November 2004 election, but there are
16 seven million Latino citizens who are eligible to vote but have not registered; and

17 WHEREAS, Almendárez's was one of several Los Angeles locutores (disc jockeys)
18 who drew more than a half-million people to marches on both March 25 and May 1 in
19 response to HR4437, the anti-immigration bill passed by the House of Representatives; and

20 WHEREAS, The Votos por America campaign and the We Are America alliance are
21 working for dignified immigration reform that respects the contributions to the United States
22 by the country's estimated 12 million illegal immigrants and creates a path to legal residence
23 and eventual citizenship for them; and

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1 WHEREAS, The Votos por America campaign is working to translate the heightened
2 awareness of immigration issues in the Latino-American community into broad and sustained
3 civic engagement; and

4 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
5 commends Renán Almendárez Coello, the Votos por America campaign, and the We Are
6 America alliance for their work in registering new voters and wishes them luck in reaching
7 their goal of registering one million new voters before the November election.

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