

1 [Commendation for Rudolf Amenga-Etego and the Ghana National Coalition Against
2 Privatization of Water.]

3 **Resolution commending Rudolf Amenga-Etego for his growing international**
4 **recognition as a pioneer in environmentally sustainable water policy and universal**
5 **access to safe, affordable water.**

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7 WHEREAS, Rudolf Amenga-Etego has gained international recognition for his
8 contributions to the environment, and will be honored in both San Francisco and Washington,
9 D.C., during April, 2004, for his remarkable achievements; and

10 WHEREAS, Rudolf Amenga-Etego co-founded the Ghana National Coalition Against
11 Privatization of Water (National CAP of Water), which has developed a groundbreaking
12 community government model for supplying water in Ghana, in which the public sector would
13 supply water, and the local community would handle distribution; and

14 WHEREAS, the National CAP of Water has brought together a broad consortium of
15 organizations representing health professionals, women's organizations, trade unions, student
16 and youth groups, tenants, residents and community associations, religious groups,
17 environmental groups, human rights groups, and academia, which has been instrumental in
18 raising public awareness about a proposal to privatize the urban water supply in Ghana, and
19 has united around the goal of ensuring access to water for all Ghanaians by 2008; and,

20 WHEREAS, Public control and public accountability for water are key to achieving and
21 maintaining access to affordable water; and,

22 WHEREAS, Water privatization projects by multinational corporations in Bolivia, the
23 Philippines, Argentina, and South Africa have resulted in water rate hikes for consumers,
24 service cutoffs to vulnerable populations, and preventable deaths and water related diseases
25 such as cholera, dengue hemorrhagic fever, and malaria; and

1 WHEREAS, in developing nations, over a billion people lack access to safe drinking
2 water and 2.4 billion do not have adequate sanitation; and,

3 WHEREAS, In Ghana where running water is a limited resource, the World Bank has
4 required the government to privatize its urban water system which would impose higher rates
5 on individuals and not address the serious need for sanitation; and,

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Amenga-Etego and the National CAP of Water are promoting
7 democracy and environmental sustainability through encouraging full participation of all
8 sectors of civil society in water sector reform in Ghana; and

9 WHEREAS, Rudolf Amenga-Etego's return visit to San Francisco in April, 2004, will
10 connect local and global efforts to protect safe water and the environment, will address the
11 dangers of multinational companies privatizing the supply of water, and will educate
12 individuals about the necessity of achieving and maintaining access to affordable water; and

13 WHEREAS, the people of Ghana and the NCAP of Water have been encouraged in
14 their ongoing efforts and gratefully received San Francisco's expression of support in 2002;
15 now therefore, be it,

16 RESOLVED, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors welcome and commend Rudolf
17 Amenga-Etego and the National Coalition Against the Privatization of Water in Ghana for
18 their continued efforts to expand access to safe, affordable water and sanitation through
19 publicly accountable systems and environmentally sustainable alternatives in Ghana, the
20 United States, and internationally.



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Ayes: 8 - Alioto-Pier, Dufty, Gonzalez, Hall, Ma, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Peskin

Absent: 3 - Ammiano, Daly, Sandoval

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on April 13, 2004 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved

Mayor Gavin Newsom