

1 [Commendation of the 150th Anniversary of the Arrival of the Sisters of Mercy]

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3 **Resolution commending the 150th Anniversary of the Arrival of the Sisters of Mercy in**
4 **San Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, On December 8, 1854, after two months at sea, seven Sisters of Mercy
7 led by Mother Mary Baptist Russell arrived in San Francisco; and,

8 WHEREAS, In 1857 the Sisters of Mercy established St. Mary's Hospital on Rincon
9 Hill, which today is the oldest Catholic hospital west of the Rocky Mountains; and,

10 WHEREAS, The Sisters of Mercy currently operate two high schools for girls, Mercy
11 High School in Burlingame, founded in 1931 and Mercy High School, San Francisco,
12 established in 1952 ; and,

13 WHEREAS, The Sisters of Mercy founded Mercy Housing, Inc. in 1981; and,

14 WHEREAS, In 1986 the Sisters of Mercy created Catholic Healthcare West, which has
15 become one of the largest Catholic healthcare systems in the United States; now, therefore,
16 be it

17 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors commends the 150th Anniversary of the
18 Arrival of the Sisters of Mercy in San Francisco.

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