

1 [Commending Conrad Benedicto and the Wilderness Arts and Literacy Collaborative at
2 Balboa High School]

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4 **Resolution commending Conrad Benedicto, teacher at Balboa High School, and the**
5 **Wilderness Arts and Literacy Collaborative at Balboa High School.**

6 WHEREAS, Conrad Benedicto teaches English, Environmental Studies, and Social
7 Studies to juniors and seniors as part of the Wilderness Arts and Literacy Collaborative
8 (WALC) at Balboa High School: and,

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10 WHEREAS, Field experiences such as hiking, camping, habitat restoration, recycling,
11 and gardening are woven together with classroom coursework and provide the experimental
12 foundation for a challenging academic curriculum; and,

13 WHEREAS, Trips to Yosemite, The Pinnacles, and Lake Tahoe, provide a classroom
14 experience where Balboa High School students learn the environmental education principles
15 that are the bedrock themes of their rigorous academic curriculum; and,

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17 WHEREAS, More than 70 percent of Balboa High School students are classified as
18 Educationally Disadvantaged Youth (EDY) whose standardized test scores rank below the
19 25th percentile; and,

20 WHEREAS, The 99 percent of the students that Conrad Benedicto teaches and
21 mentors in the WALC program attend or plan to attend college; and;

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23 WHEREAS, Conrad Benedicto is a founding member of the WALC program at Balboa
24 High School; now, therefore be it

25 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco

1 commends Conrad Benedicto and the Wilderness Arts and Literacy Collaborative (WALC) for
2 helping high school students find their creative voices through the transformative power of
3 outdoor experiences and environmental education.

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