

1 [Resolution honoring artist Jose Lerma]

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3 **Resolution honoring the artistic contribution of Jose Ramon Lerma for his outstanding**
4 **contribution to Bay Area abstract expressionism and his continuing work as a pioneer**
5 **in the arts.**

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7 WHEREAS, Jose Lerma was born in 1930 in the Salinas Valley in California; and

8 WHEREAS, Jose Lerma was one of the important artists to emerge from the San
9 Francisco Arts Institute in the 1950's;and

10 WHEREAS Jose Lerma studied under such noted instructors as Jean Varda, Hassel
11 Smith, David Park, Nathan Oliveira and Edward Corbett; and

12 WHEREAS, Jose Lerma became a pioneer in painting, collage and experimental uses
13 of found art objects in artistic compositions which influenced many artists; and

14 WHEREAS, Jose Lerma has had work exhibited in such prestigious galleries as the
15 East-West Gallery, The Cellar, The Spatsa Gallery, SFMOMA, Intersection for the Arts, John
16 Natsoulas Gallery, Encantada Gallery, Galeria de la Raza, the Chicago Museum of
17 Contemporary Art and the Los Angeles Municipal Gallery; and

18 WHEREAS, Jose Lerma has become an inspiration to a younger generation of artists,
19 not only by example of the rich visual and structural vocabulary embodied by his works, but
20 also by his direct involvement in the community and his mentoring of younger artists; and

21 WHEREAS, Jose Lerma served in the Korean War and used his experience to fuel his
22 work and energize the anti-war movement of the 1960's; and

23 WHEREAS, Jose Lerma has successfully integrated the influences of a wide variety of
24 cultures and places in an original and dynamic style which is entirely his own; now, therefore,
25 be it

1 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors recognizes the important
2 achievements of Jose Ramon Lerma and his pioneering contributions to the arts and cultural
3 life of San Francisco, California and the United States on the occasion of his 74th birthday,
4 April 13, 2004.

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