

FILE NO. 011505

RESOLUTION NO. 691-01

1 [DC Vote Resolution.]

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3 **Resolution urging the United States Congress to recognize the District of Columbia's**
4 **constitutional right to basic democracy, through voting representatives, by granting**
5 **full voting rights to the citizens of the District of Columbia.**

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7 WHEREAS, Washington City, Washington County, and Georgetown were merged into
8 Washington, District of Columbia in 1871; and,

9 WHEREAS, The District of Columbia is responsible for the functions of a city, county,
10 and state including, but not limited to driver licensure, insurance and securities regulation,
11 workers' and unemployment compensation, food and drug inspection, weights and measures,
12 operation of a district police force and a district school system; and,

13 WHEREAS, The District of Columbia is treated as a state in over 500 federal laws; and

14 WHEREAS, The 570,000 citizens of the District of Columbia pay approximately \$5
15 billion annually in local tax revenues, plus \$2.5 billion in federal taxes; and,

16 WHEREAS, The federal government uses all the District of Columbia's services, but
17 exempts itself, foreign embassies, and others from taxes (41% of the District of Columbia's
18 property), and does not provide payment in lieu of taxes; and,

19 WHEREAS, The District of Columbia does not have a voting delegate in the House of
20 Representatives or the US Senate; and,

21 WHEREAS, The United States Congress can override any local ordinance or resolution
22 passed by the District of Columbia City Council; and,

23 WHEREAS, The per capita federal tax burden for the District of Columbia's residents is
24 second only to Connecticut's; and,

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1 WHEREAS, The District of Columbia has a higher Gross State Product (GSP) than 14
2 states according to the U.S. Department of Commerce Bureau of Economic Analysis, 1997;
3 and,

4 WHEREAS, The state of Wyoming, despite having a population smaller than that of the
5 District of Columbia's and paying less per capita in federal income taxes, has one voting
6 member in the House of Representatives and two voting members in the Senate; and,

7 WHEREAS, Article 25 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,
8 ratified by the U.S. Congress and signed by the President, guarantees the right to equal
9 suffrage and participation in national government through elected representatives; and,

10 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors opposes taxation without
11 representation and urges the United States Congress to recognize the District of Columbia's
12 constitutional right to basic democracy, through voting representatives, by granting full voting
13 rights to the citizens of Washington, DC in both the House of Representatives and the US
14 Senate; and, be it

15 FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the District of
16 Columbia's non-voting Representative Ray Brown at the US House of Representatives; and
17 be it

18 Further Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the
19 San Francisco Congressional representatives.



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August 20, 2001 Board of Supervisors — AMENDED

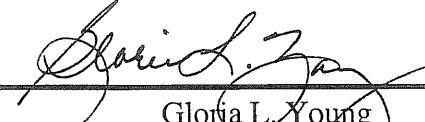
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Ayes: 8 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Peskin

Absent: 3 - Newsom, Sandoval, Yee

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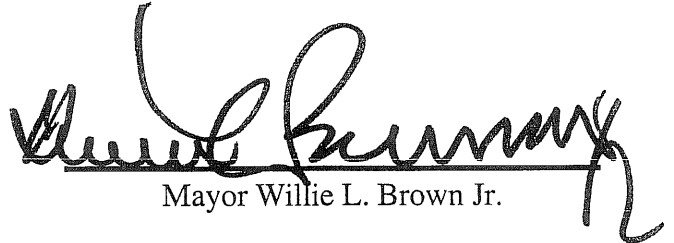
I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED AS AMENDED on August 20, 2001 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.



Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

AUG 31 2001

Date Approved



Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.