

1 [Recognizing the life and work of Asa Philip Randolph]

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3 **Resolution recognizing the life and work of Asa Philip Randolph.**

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5 WHEREAS, Asa Philip Randolph dedicated his life to the advancement of African-
6 Americans; and,

7 WHEREAS, In 1917, A. Philip Randolph co-founded The Messenger magazine which
8 campaigned for the civil rights of African Americans; and,

9 WHEREAS, After graduating from New York College in 1917, A. Philip Randolph
10 became the first African-American to run for New York State Controller; and,

11 WHEREAS, In 1925, A. Philip Randolph organized the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car
12 Porters to get Black Pullman car porters shorter hours and more wages with the Pullman
13 Company; and,

14 WHEREAS, After fighting for the African-American Pullman car porters, in 1937, A.
15 Philip Randolph established a contract for the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters as the
16 first Black organized workers union to ever have a contract with any company; and,

17 WHEREAS, In 1941, A. Philip Randolph planned the first march on Washington for
18 African-Americans to protest against governmental hiring that excluded African-Americans
19 from federal employment as well as federal contracts; and,

20 WHEREAS, This planned protest led President Franklin Delano Roosevelt signed
21 Executive Order 8802, which banned discrimination in federal government defense industries;
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23 WHEREAS, In 1963, A. Philip Randolph was one of the organizers of the March on
24 Washington, which helped push for the signing of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; and,

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1 WHEREAS, In 1965, A. Philip Randolph co-founded the A. Philip Randolph Institute
2 which fights for racial equality and economic justice; and,

3 WHEREAS, On February 3, 1989, ten years after the death of A. Philip Randolph, the
4 United States Postal Service issued 130 million commemorative stamps honoring the life and
5 work of A. Philip Randolph; and,

6 WHEREAS, Many of the residents of San Francisco have benefited from the work and
7 perseverance of A. Philip Randolph; now, therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco,
9 hereby recognizes the life and work of Asa Philip Randolph.

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