

1 [Richmond/Senator Milton Marks Branch Library grand reopening]

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3 **Resolution recognizing the grand re-opening of the Richmond/Senator Milton Marks**
4 **Branch Library and commending the San Francisco Public Library and its team for**
5 **their hard work and commitment to San Francisco and its residents.**

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7 WHEREAS, The Branch Library Improvement Program (BLIP), funded by the bond
8 measure passed in November 2000 by the voters of San Francisco, calls for sixteen branches
9 to be renovated, four leased facilities to be replaced with City-owned buildings, three
10 branches to be replaced with new buildings, and one brand-new branch to be constructed in
11 Mission Bay; and,

12 WHEREAS, The Richmond/Senator Milton Marks Branch Library has been fully
13 renovated and will celebrate its grand re-opening on Saturday, May 16, 2009 at 1:00 pm; and,

14 WHEREAS, This historic landmark Carnegie library is now seismically safe and fully
15 accessible and has been transformed into a state of the art library designed to serve the
16 neighborhood for many more decades to come; and,

17 WHEREAS, This renovation project includes nearly 50 percent more space and
18 provides for a complete renovation and restoration, including seismic upgrade, Americans
19 with Disabilities Act (ADA) access improvements, energy-efficient building systems and
20 technology upgrades, while retaining the historical integrity of this 1914 Carnegie landmark
21 building; and,

22 WHEREAS, Highlights of the renovation include an addition of 4,000 square feet, a
23 new elevator, designated teen room, improved main reading and children's rooms, a
24 significantly expanded collection of materials including more audiovisual and Chinese and
25 Russian-language items, a large new program room, two study rooms, new additional

1 computers, free WiFi access to the Internet, new and restored furniture, a beautiful two-story
2 atrium, restored ornamental ceiling, additional public restrooms, enhanced landscaping
3 surrounding both sides of the branch and a new play structure on 10th Avenue; and

4 WHEREAS, The new additions on each side of the library were sensitively treated in
5 relation to the landmark status of the branch and followed the Secretary of the Interior's
6 Guidelines for historic preservation; and

7 WHEREAS, The library continued to serve the community during the branch
8 renovation with the help of the San Francisco Police Department Richmond Station, which
9 hosted weekly children's lapsits and storytimes in their community room, by providing
10 Bookmobile service, and by creating the temporary International Languages Collection at a
11 nearby branch; and

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13 WHEREAS, The Richmond/Senator Milton Marks Branch Library was awarded \$5.9
14 million from the California Reading & Literacy Improvement & Public Library Construction &
15 Renovation Bond Act of 2000 (Proposition 14), one of two San Francisco branch libraries to
16 receive state funding and the only Carnegie library funded statewide; and

17 WHEREAS, The renovation has been a team effort between the San Francisco Public
18 Library staff and administrators, Department of Public Works Bureau of Architecture, Division
19 of Project Management, and Bureau of Construction Management, ISEC, Inc., Library
20 Commissioners, Friends of the San Francisco Public Library, Planning Association of the
21 Richmond (PAR) and members of the Richmond community who raised funds and helped
22 design the branch to suit their neighborhood's needs; now, therefore, be it

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24 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors commends the San Francisco Public
25 Library, the Friends of the San Francisco Public Library, the Department of Public Works,

1 members of the Richmond community, and the entire team that made this project so
2 successful for their dedication and hard work; and, be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors invites the public to join the
4 celebration of the re-dedication of the Richmond/Senator Milton Marks Branch Library on
5 Saturday, May 16th at 1:00 pm at the branch, 351 Ninth Avenue.

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