

1 [Lincoln Brigade]

2 URGING THE PORT OF SAN FRANCISCO TO ACCEPT A MONUMENT HONORING THE  
3 BAY AREA VETERANS OF THE ABRAHAM LINCOLN BRIGADE IN HARRY BRIDGES  
4 PLAZA.

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6 WHEREAS, 2700 American volunteers fought in the Abraham Lincoln Brigade in Spain  
7 between 1936 and 1938; and,

8 WHEREAS, These volunteers fought for the democratically elected government of  
9 Spain against Spanish fascists and the forces of Nazi Germany and Fascist Italy; and,

10 WHEREAS, 800 of these volunteers gave their lives in what is now regarded as the  
11 first battle of World War Two; and,

12 WHEREAS, Exclusionary laws (Jim Crow laws), or custom, relegated African  
13 Americans to segregated military units; and,

14 WHEREAS, The Abraham Lincoln Brigade was the first non-Jim Crow, non-segregated  
15 military organization in the country; and,

16 WHEREAS, Many of the volunteers of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade were  
17 longshoreman, dock workers and seamen from the San Francisco waterfront, who, along with  
18 the other volunteers from many walks of life, were harassed instead of honored by their own  
19 government when they returned from Spain; and,

20 WHEREAS, Official recognition of the contributions of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade to  
21 the struggle for democracy and justice is long overdue; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
23 urges the Port of San Francisco to accept a monument to be placed in Harry Bridges Plaza  
24 honoring the Bay Area Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade.

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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Resolution

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Date Passed:

Resolution urging the Port of San Francisco to accept a monument honoring the Bay Area Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade in Harry Bridges Plaza.

August 28, 2000 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Teng, Yaki, Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on August 28, 2000 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.