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5 WHEREAS, The Angel Island Immigration Station Foundation (AIISF), California
6 Department of Parks and Recreation and the National Park Service are celebrating the
7 reopening of the Angel Island Immigration Station; and

8 WHEREAS, Angel Island, designated a Historic Landmark in 1997, processed 350,000
9 immigrants from over 80 nations in it's 30 years of service as an immigration station; and,

10 WHEREAS, The discovery of poetry in 1970, scratched and carved into the walls by
11 detainees, saved the building from destruction and led to a grant awarded by the Department
12 of Interior's Save America's Treasures to AIISF for poem conservation; and,

13 WHEREAS, There has been a long community effort to ensure the restoration of the
14 Angel Island Immigration Station and preserve its historical significance for immigration and
15 civil rights history and,

16 WHEREAS, The AIISF's mission includes preservation of the site and education about
17 the role of Pacific Rim immigration in U.S. history and,

18 WHEREAS, In support of its mission the AIISF has launched the Angel Island Legacies
19 Project, which trains oral historians and researchers to interview detainees and descendants
20 of all nationalities and share their rich stories with the public; and,

21 WHEREAS, The AIISF provides invaluable resources to educators on the immigration
22 experience at Angel Island; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
24 does hereby pay tribute to The Angel Island Immigration Station.

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