

1 [Commendation for James S. Dierke]

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3 **Resolution commending James S. Dierke as recipient of the MetLife/National**  
4 **Association of Secondary School Principal of the Year Award for providing high-quality**  
5 **learning opportunities for students as well as for his exemplary contribution to the**  
6 **Association of Secondary School Principal profession, and declaring October 2, 2007**  
7 **“James S. Dierke Day” in San Francisco.**

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9 WHEREAS, James S. Dierke has a Masters Degree in Education and an  
10 Administrative Services Credential from San Francisco State University; and,

11 WHEREAS, James S. Dierke began his career in Special Education and has held  
12 several positions as an educator and administrator at schools including Washington and  
13 Galileo High School; and,

14 WHEREAS, James S. Dierke has worked with the San Francisco Unified School  
15 District for 36 years; and,

16 WHEREAS, James S. Dierke started his principal assignment at Visitacion Valley  
17 Middle School in 1999; and,

18 WHEREAS, James S. Dierke recognizes the importance of meeting the social and  
19 emotional needs of his students; and,

20 WHEREAS, James S. Dierke invited more than 20 organizations to come to Visitacion  
21 Valley Middle School to work in a variety of capacities, resulting in, for example, more than  
22 half of the students at Visitacion Valley receiving tutoring after school; and,

23 WHEREAS, James S. Dierke started a Gifted and Talented Program, the College-Prep  
24 GEAR UP Program, and a high school visitation program, all of which help students recognize  
25 the importance of education and making plans for the future; and,

1           WHEREAS, At Visitacion Valley Middle School, James S. Dierke has worked with  
2 faculty and students to develop a strong sense of community, leadership, ownership and  
3 pride in the school; and,

4           WHEREAS, James S. Dierke and his wife Ann Marie, a teacher in South San  
5 Francisco, live in San Francisco; therefore, be it

6           RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors commends James S.  
7 Dierke for receiving the MetLife/National Association of Secondary School Principal of the  
8 Year Award; and, be it

9           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors proclaims  
10 October 2, 2007 as “James S. Dierke Day” in honor of his Principal of the Year Award.