[Year of the Dragon]

URGING THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO CHOOSE SAN FRANCISCO AS THE SITE FOR THE DEDICATION CEREMONY FOR THE "YEAR OF THE DRAGON" STAMP.

WHEREAS, San Francisco is home to approximately 200,000 Chinese Americans, the largest Chinese population outside of mainland China; and.

WHEREAS, In many urban centers across America, including
Washington D.C., Chinatown represents not only the community centers
for Chinese Americans, but reflect the growing cultural diversity of
our nation; and,

WHEREAS, While this year's New Year celebration included the promotion of the "Year of the Rabbit" stamp in San Francisco's Chinatown, next year will be the "Year of the Dragon"; and,

WHEREAS, The "Year of the Dragon" is significant because of the cultural symbolism of the dragon; and,

WHEREAS, These mythical creatures represent the historical court of China and remain deep in the hearts of Chinese Americans as well; and,

WHEREAS, The dragon is much like the eagle in that it stands for both liberty and strength; and,

WHEREAS, In 1991, the Organization of Chinese Americans, in collaboration with the United States Postal Service, spearheaded the effort to commemorate the contributions of Chinese Americans through a series of stamps; and,

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WHEREAS, This is San Francisco's seventh year in promoting the Chinese New Year stamp within the City; and,

WHEREAS, The Chinese Chamber of Commerce and the City of San
Francisco would like to start planning to host the First Day of Issue
dedication ceremony for the "Year of the Dragon" stamp in San
Francisco next February; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco urges the United States Postal Service to choose San Francisco as the site for the dedication ceremony for the "Year of the Dragon" stamp.

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April 19, 1999 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Teng,

Yaki, Yee

Absent: 1 - Newsom

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on April 19, 1999 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.