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FILE NO 001643

RESOLUTION NO. 831-00

1 HONORING THE MEMORY OF MAYOR GEORGE CHRISTOPHER

2 WHEREAS, on Thursday, September 14, 2000, San Francisco lost one of
3 her most illustrious civic treasures with the death of former Mayor
4 George Christopher; and

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6 WHEREAS, George Christopher was born in Arcadia, Greece to James
7 Christopheles and Mary Kiones Christopheles and immigrated to San
8 Francisco in 1910 and settled in the South of Market area of the
9 City; and

10 WHEREAS, George Christopher personified the promise of the American
11 Dream, rising from poverty and limited formal education to become a
12 very successful owner of Christopher Dairy Farms; and

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14 WHEREAS, George Christopher married the former Tula Sarantitis and
15 enjoyed many happy years as ^{her}~~his~~ spouse ~~and brother~~; and

16 WHEREAS, Amidst successful business enterprises George Christopher
17 entered the political arena, having been elected to the San Francisco
18 Board of Supervisors in 1945 and re-elected in 1949 with 170,756
19 votes, the most ever obtained by a candidate for that office; and

20 WHEREAS, George Christopher was elected in mayor of San Francisco in
21 1955 and 1959, a time of great social and economic change in the
22 City; and
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1 WHEREAS, Among his many achievements, none endeared him more to the
2 people of San Francisco than the acquisition of the New York Giants
3 as a San Francisco team in 1958; and

4 WHEREAS, on March 22, 1996, Mayor George Christopher's good friend
5 Lee Housekeeper had the opportunity to provide the following
6 anecdotes after interviewing the former mayor: George Christopher
7 played second base for the industrial supply firm "Pacific Motors";
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10 WHEREAS, Shortly after assuming office, Mayor George Christopher
11 received a telephone call from Boston Red Sox manager Joe Cronin, a
12 Sacred Heart alum, giving Christopher the "heads-up" that there were
13 rumors that the New York Giants were considering moving out of New
14 York; and

15 WHEREAS, Fast and furious deliberations began with Walter O'Malley of
16 the Brooklyn Dodgers, Horace Stoneham of the New York Giants and
17 L.A. Mayor Norris Poulson, each of these figures being most evasive
18 with Mayor George Christopher about their intentions for West Coast
19 major league baseball; and

20 WHEREAS, Undaunted, in 1958 Mayor George Christopher made it clear
21 that major league baseball would be coming to San Francisco: "San
22 Francisco doesn't care if it gets the Dodgers or the Giants, but one
23 of you will be coming here and I am getting on the next plane for New
24 York"...and the rest is history; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors joins with the people of San
2 Francisco in expressing its deepest sympathies to the family of Mayor
3 George Christopher and further expressing its gratitude for the many
4 gifts Mayor George Christopher brought to bear on San Francisco, not
5 least among them the San Francisco Giants, for which he will forever
6 remain in our hearts.

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September 25, 2000 Board of Supervisors — SEVERED FROM FOR ADOPTION WITHOUT COMMITTEE REFERENCE AGENDA

September 25, 2000 Board of Supervisors — AMENDED

Ayes: 6 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Katz, Leno, Yaki

Absent: 5 - Brown, Kaufman, Newsom, Teng, Yee

September 25, 2000 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED AS AMENDED

Ayes: 6 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Katz, Leno, Yaki

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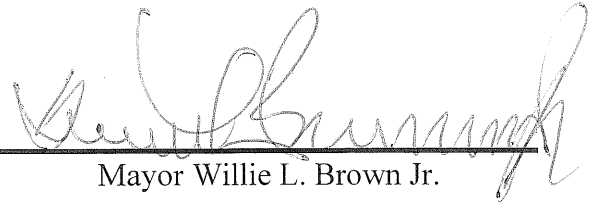
I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED AS AMENDED on September 25, 2000 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.



Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved



Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.