

FILE NO. 980170

RESOLUTION NO. 487-99

1 [Appointment(s)]

2 APPOINTING MEMBER(S) TO THE VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION.

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4 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County  
5 of San Francisco does hereby appoint the hereinafter designated  
6 person(s) to serve as member(s) of the veterans Affairs Commission,  
7 pursuant to the provisions of the San Francisco Administrative Code,  
8 Section 5.102, for the terms specified:

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10 C.J. O'Mara, succeeding herself, (Seat No. 5, must be a woman  
11 veteran), term expired, for a new four-year term ending January 31,  
12 2002.



# City and County of San Francisco

City Hall  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

## Tails Resolution

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**Date Passed:**

Resolution appointing member to the Veterans Affairs Commission.

May 24, 1999 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Teng,  
Yaki, Yee  
Absent: 1 - Katz

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution  
was ADOPTED on May 24, 1999 by the  
Board of Supervisors of the City and County  
of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board

JUN - 2 1999

**Date Approved**

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.

FILE NO. 990587RESOLUTION NO. 488-99

1 [Supporting Filipino Veterans Equity Center]

2 SUPPORTING THE CREATION OF THE SAN FRANCISCO FILIPINO VETERANS  
3 EQUITY CENTER, A COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION SPECIFICALLY TASKED  
4 WITH COORDINATING EFFORTS OF VARIOUS AGENCIES AND VOLUNTEER SUPPORT  
5 GROUPS TO PROVIDE CULTURALLY SENSITIVE AND LINGUISTICALLY APPROPRIATE  
6 SERVICES TO FILIPINO WORLD WAR II VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES IN SAN  
7 FRANCISCO, AND URGING THE MAYOR TO ALLOCATE \$150,000 IN FISCAL '99-  
8 2000 FOR THE CREATION OF THE FILIPINO VETERANS EQUITY CENTER.

9 WHEREAS, President Franklin D. Roosevelt drafted into military  
10 service on July 26, 1941, 140,000 Filipino soldiers who were then  
11 U.S. nationals to serve under General Douglas MacArthur to defend the  
12 American flag against the Japanese aggressors; and,

13 WHEREAS, These Filipino soldiers fought side-by-side with their  
14 American comrades in the battles of Bataan and Corridor, endured the  
15 Bataan "Death March," and many of them later became guerrillas who  
16 harassed the Japanese invaders and helped pave the way for the return  
17 of General MacArthur and the liberation of the Philippines; and,

18 WHEREAS, Despite these sacrifices, the U.S. Congress passed the  
19 "Rescission Act" on February 18, 1946, that singled out and excluded  
20 Filipino World War II veterans from receiving full U.S. veterans  
21 benefits promised to them by President Harry S. Truman and General  
22 Douglas MacArthur; and,

23 WHEREAS, The U.S. Congress in 1990 finally passed legislation  
24 that allowed surviving Filipino WWII veterans who could prove their  
25 military service to become naturalized U.S. citizens; and,

SUPERVISOR, TENG, YAKI, BIERMAN, LENO, KATZ, NEWSOM, BECERRIL  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

WHEREAS, About 30,000 of these veterans have become U.S. citizens, and about 3,000 of them have since settled in the Bay Area and are current San Francisco residents, particularly in the Tenderloin, South of Market and Mission districts; and,

WHEREAS, The Filipino veterans are in their 70s and 80s, many of them in deteriorating health, with little or no family support, and are often dependent on SSI and volunteer assistance; and,

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors, cognizant of the special needs of this population passed a resolution on October 7, 1997 urging the U.S. Congress to pass then S.623, otherwise known as the Filipino Veterans Equity Act, which seeks to confer full U.S. veterans status to Filipino soldiers; and,

WHEREAS, The U.S. Congress has failed to act on this legislation while the needs of the Filipino veterans have now reached a crisis point and require immediate response; and,

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco recognizes that a community-based center is the ideal conduit for volunteers and support agencies to provide culturally competent and linguistically appropriate services to the Filipino veterans and their families; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco supports and endorses the creation of a Filipino Veterans Equity Center, which will coordinate community efforts to provide medical, legal, recreational, social, vocational, and other

services to Filipino World War II veterans and their families in San Francisco; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco urges the Mayor to allocate \$150,000 in fiscal '99-2000 for the creation of the Filipino Veterans Equity Center.



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### Resolution

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**File Number:** 990587

**Date Passed:**

Resolution supporting the creation of the San Francisco Filipino Veterans Equity Center, a community-based organization specifically tasked with coordinating efforts of various agencies and volunteer support groups to provide culturally sensitive and linguistically appropriate services to Filipino World War II veterans and their families in San Francisco, and urging the Mayor to allocate \$150,000 in Fiscal 1999-2000 for the creation of the Filipino Veterans Equity Center.

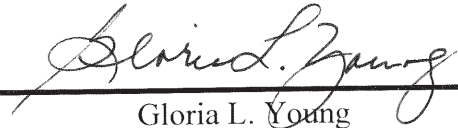
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May 24, 1999 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

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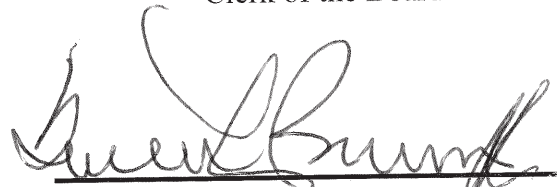
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