

1 [Commemorating the Bicentennial Year of the Latino Press in the United States.]

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3 **Resolution commemorating the Bicentennial Year of the Latino Press in the United**
4 **States, and acknowledging the rich contributions of Latinos in the history of American**
5 **journalism.**

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7 WHEREAS, The visibility of today’s Latino press is tied to the two centuries of
8 publishing that began with the nation’s first Latino newspaper, *El Misisipi*, founded in New
9 Orleans on September 7, 1808; and

10 WHEREAS, Today, there are more than 800 Latino newspapers found in Latino
11 communities across this country. Some are daily newspapers, but most are weekly
12 publications. Some of these rely on an army of volunteers that include students who serve as
13 writers, photographers, translators, and graphic designers; and,

14 WHEREAS, A June 2004 survey of the National Association of Hispanic Journalists
15 (NAHJ) found that the majority of Spanish-language professionals are dedicated and have a
16 strong commitment to working for Latino-oriented media. Journalists and managers working
17 at Spanish-language news media are extremely motivated and have a desire to inform, as
18 well as educate their community; and,

19 WHEREAS, The growth of Latino newspapers in the U.S. over the past 200 years has
20 served to not only chronicle Latino daily life, but to champion against political, social, and
21 economic injustices; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco goes on record in
23 commemorating the “Bicentennial Year of the Latino Press in the U.S.”; and, be it

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1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco acknowledges the
2 rich contributions of Latinos in the history of American journalism, and celebrates the
3 continued excellence of Latino newspaper publishing in our City by the Bay.

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