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March 20, 2026

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker Emerita
1236 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 87-26

Dear Speaker Emerita Pelosi:

On February 24, 2026, the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco adopted Resolution No. 87-26 (Supporting a Strong, Independent Department of Veterans Affairs), which was enacted on March 6, 2026.

The Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk of the Board to forward the following document to your attention:

- One copy of Resolution No. 87-26 (File No. 260135)

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact the Office of the Clerk of the Board at (415) 554-5184, or by e-mail: board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org.

Sincerely,


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Clerk of the Board

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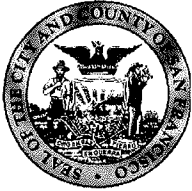
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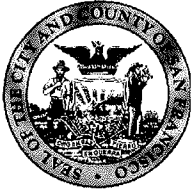
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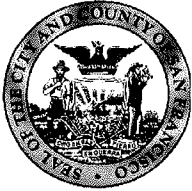
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