

1 [Commendation]

2 COMMENDING "COMMITTING TO CONSCIENCE" FOR ITS EFFORTS TO BUILD A
3 UNIFIED STRATEGY TO END THE DEATH PENALTY.

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5 WHEREAS, Since 1973, during the same period that 628 executions were carried out,
6 87 wrongly convicted men and women on death row have been cleared; and,

7 WHEREAS, This is an error rate of 1 innocent person for every 7 persons executed;
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9 WHEREAS, A comprehensive new study by Columbia Law School of every capital
10 conviction between 1973-1995 found that serious mistakes were made in 2/3 of all capital
11 cases; and,

12 WHEREAS, There are racial disparities in the application of the death penalty with
13 African-Americans accounting for 35% of those executed, 43% of those on death row
14 nationwide, and 67% of those on death row in the Federal system although African-
15 Americans constitute only 13% of the American population; and,

16 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco has
17 endorsed a moratorium on executions in the United States and urged the United States
18 Congress to approve legislation providing a moratorium on carrying out the death penalty in
19 Resolution No. 632-00; and,

20 WHEREAS, "Committing to Conscience" is a national conference designed to
21 galvanize individuals and organizations around the nation to build an effective unified strategy
22 to abolish the use of the death penalty permanently; and,

23 WHEREAS, The "Committing to Conscience" conference was held in San Francisco
24 November 16-19, 2000; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco commends "Committing to Conscience" for its efforts to build a unified strategy to end the death penalty.



City and County of San Francisco

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Resolution

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Resolution commending "Committing to Conscience" for its efforts to build a unified strategy to end the death penalty.

December 4, 2000 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

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

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on December 4, 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.