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8 WHEREAS, Willie Brown served as a member of the California State Assembly for
9 over thirty years and as speaker for 15; and,

10 WHEREAS, This is the longest anyone has ever served in the California State
11 Assembly and will continue to be the longest due to current term limits; and,

12 WHEREAS, Willie Brown also served as mayor of San Francisco from 1996-2004; and

13 WHEREAS, Willie Brown has been at the heart of California politics for over four
14 decades and continues to serve as a leader through the Willie L. Brown Jr. Institute on
15 Politics and Public Service; and,

16 WHEREAS, Willie Brown is known for his charismatic and charming personality, and
17 his ability to complete projects and work across the political spectrum; and

18 WHEREAS, Willie Brown is considered by many to be one of the most effective
19 politicians of his time; and

20 WHEREAS, During Willie Brown’s tenure as mayor of San Francisco he was able to
21 complete many large capital projects and public beautification projects; and,

22 WHEREAS, Willie Brown increased the safety of MUNI riders by implementing the
23 Municipal Transit Assistance Program in 1996; and,

24 WHEREAS, Willie Brown was also able to secure millions of dollars for MUNI to build
25 the Third Street Light Rail; and,

1 WHEREAS; Willie Brown was responsible for the construction of the “T” Third Street
2 Light Rail Line, a MUNI metro train, that runs between West Portal Station and Sunnydale
3 Avenue inbound, and between Sunnydale Avenue and Embarcadero Station outbound,
4 where it becomes the K Ingleside; and,

5 WHEREAS, The T line is 5.1 miles of light rail with 18 stations, over 100 pieces of
6 public art including street light improvements and enhanced streetscapes; and

7 WHEREAS, The T line also provided 317 jobs for the neighborhoods that it services;
8 and,

9 WHEREAS, As mayor, Willie Brown also created the availability for rider’s to use real-
10 time transit arrival information from Next Bus Information Systems Inc.; and,

11 WHEREAS, All of these improvements to San Francisco’s public transit system have
12 greatly benefited the residents of San Francisco, small businesses, and the economic future
13 of the neighborhoods that MUNI services; and, therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Municipal Transportation
15 Agency Board of Directors to honor the legacy of Willie Brown and name of the Metro East
16 Maintenance Facility to the “Willie L. Brown, Jr. Light Rail Facility.”

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