

1 [A resolution celebrating the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Slavonic Mutual and
2 Benevolent Society]

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4 **Resolution commending the Croatian American Cultural Center, Home of the Slavonic**
5 **Mutual and Benevolent Society, on the occasion of its sesquicentennial anniversary.**
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7 WHEREAS, In 1857, the oldest Croatian Society in America was formed with San
8 Francisco as its home, situated at what is now the present waterfront of San Francisco; and

9 WHEREAS, The Society, then known as the Slavonic Illyric Benevolent Society, was
10 stated by a group of Dalmations, Istrians, Bokelje and Hercegovinans who each shared the
11 vision of preserving the rich cultural heritage of their home country; and,

12 WHEREAS, Through the establishment of the Croatian-Slavonic Plot Catholic
13 Cemetery in 1861, a Library in 1869, and the Croatian Catholic Church of Nativity in 1890, the
14 Society quickly gained influence over the shape of the still young City of San Francisco; and,

15 WHEREAS, The Croatian American Cultural Center has, over the span of 150 years,
16 solidified its status as one of the foremost and long-standing cultural organizations within the
17 City and County of San Francisco; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That during its sesquicentennial year, the Board of Supervisors pay
19 tribute to the efforts of those affiliated with the Croatian American Cultural Center, Home of
20 the Slavonic Mutual and Benevolent Society, who have promoted, preserved and shared the
21 culture and history of Croatia with the residents of the City and County of San Francisco for
22 the past 150 years; and, be it

23 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
24 Francisco recognizes and honors the Croatian American Cultural Center and the Slavonic
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1 Mutual and Benevolent Society on the occasion of its sesquicentennial celebration to be held
2 November 17 and 18, 2007; and, be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the members of this body express their very best wishes
4 to the Croatian American Cultural Center, Home of the Slavonic Mutual and Benevolent
5 Society, for many more years of prosperity.

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