

1 [Supporting Military Justice Improvement Act of 2013]

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3 **Resolution supporting Senator Kirsten Gillibrand’s Military Justice Improvement Act of**
4 **2013.**

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6 WHEREAS, In 2013, the Pentagon released the results of a study that surveyed more
7 than one hundred thousand active military service members showing an increase in both
8 sexual assaults and unwanted sexual contact in the military from 19,000 incidents in 2011 to
9 26,000 incidents in 2012; and

10 WHEREAS, According to the same Pentagon study, only 3,374 of the incidents were
11 ever reported to military authorities and less than ten percent of those reported incidents were
12 ever brought to trial; and

13 WHEREAS, These numbers indicate that both men and women who are victims of
14 sexual assaults and unwanted sexual contact in the military do not report those incidents for
15 fear of retaliation; and

16 WHEREAS, Earlier this year in response to this report and the rise in sexual assaults in
17 the military Senator Gillibrand with the support of Senators Boxer, Collins and several other
18 Senators introduced S. 967 the Military Justice Improvement Act of 2013; and

19 WHEREAS, The Military Justice Improvement Act of 2013 proposes to place the duty
20 of investigating and prosecuting reported cases of sexual assault and unwanted sexual
21 contact in the military with a special military prosecutor; and

22 WHEREAS, Placing the duty to investigate these cases outside of the victim’s chain of
23 command will increase accountability in the military and the chances that victims will report
24 incidents of sexual assault; and

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1 WHEREAS, The numbers of alleged incidents of sexual assault and unwanted sexual
2 contact is unconscionable; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors commends Senator Kirsten
4 Gillbrand for her leadership on this issue; and, be it

5 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors calls on
6 Congressional leaders to support the Military Justice Improvement Act of 2013.

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