

1 [Commending Instituto Laboral de la Raza.]

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3 **Resolution commending Instituto Laboral de la Raza on the occasion of their Annual**
4 **Labor Awards Dinner, and, because of their compassionate work for the protection of**
5 **all workers, but especially the rights of immigrant workers and because of their**
6 **commitment to building a strong and united San Francisco, declare Friday, June 11,**
7 **2004, as Workers Rights Day.**

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9 WHEREAS, Instituto Laboral de la Raza is celebrating it's Annual Labor Awards
10 Dinner, uniting National and Local Labor Leaders, Community and Elected Officials; and

11 WHEREAS, on this auspicious occasion, Instituto Laboral de la Raza honors and
12 celebrates outstanding service to workers with honorees, R. Thomas Buffenbarger, President,
13 International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers; Josie Mooney, Executive
14 Director, Service Employees International Union, Local 790 and President, San Francisco
15 Labor Council, AFL-CIO; and Laborers' International Union of North America, Local 261; and
16 special guest, The Honorable Tom Harkin, U.S. Senator from Iowa; and

17 WHEREAS, Instituto Laboral de la Raza was founded by Jose Medina and other Latino
18 Labor Leaders on January 2, 1982, concerned with the increased numbers of unorganized
19 workers experiencing unfair labor practices; and

20 WHEREAS, the Instituto is a non-profit, workers' rights organization that provides labor
21 counseling and legal advocacy for low income, unorganized workers, many of whom are
22 immigrants from Mexico, and countries of Central and South America and who make an
23 indispensable contribution to America's workforce; and

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1 WHEREAS, Instituto Laboral de la Raza recognizes that our country was built by the
2 honest and hard work of immigrants and whose value and dignity extends beyond national
3 borders; and

4 WHEREAS, the Instituto serves the working poor, protecting their rights by advocating
5 for loss of wages and benefits; and

6 WHEREAS; the Instituto has served nearly 40,000 people over its history and the
7 number of clients increases each year; and

8 WHEREAS, for more than two decades, the Instituto has understood the vulnerability
9 of poor and immigrant workers and has joined with organized labor to fight for basic human
10 rights in the work place; and

11 WHEREAS, the Instituto recognizes that the responsibility of future generations will
12 benefit from the tireless work we contribute today; and therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of San Francisco, salutes Instituto Laboral
14 de la Raza on the occasion of their Annual Labor Awards Dinner, and, because of their
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16 workers and because of their commitment to building a strong and united San Francisco,
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