

1 [Commending the Churches of Saint Paulus Lutheran and Saint John Coltrane]

2 **Resolution commending Saint Paulus Lutheran Church on its rebirth as a church**
3 **without walls and commending Saint John Coltrane African Orthodox Church for its**
4 **hospitality in providing worship space for the congregants of St. Paulus.**

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6 WHEREAS, Saint Paulus Lutheran Church and Saint John Coltrane African Orthodox
7 Church are both renowned for their concern for the less fortunate, and;

8 WHEREAS, despite their different denominations both churches have demonstrated
9 their dedication to feeding, clothing, and counseling the homeless, and;

10 WHEREAS, the Saint Paulus Church housed the Saint John Coltrane Church when
11 they were evicted in 2000, and;

12 WHEREAS, the Saint John Coltrane Church has in turn welcomed the congregation
13 from the Saint Paulus Church who are leaving their site of worship after 140 years, and;

14 WHEREAS, Saint John Coltrane founders Archbishop Franzo King and Reverend
15 Mother Marina King have worked since 1971 to share the spirit and work of 20th century jazz
16 genius John Coltrane, and;

17 WHEREAS, Saint Paulus' three-spire gothic cathedral, inspired by the Cathedral of
18 Chartres, survived the Great Earthquake and fire to serve as a shelter and hospital after the
19 1906 calamity only to burn to the ground in 1995, and;

20 WHEREAS, Saint Paulus was the site of a groundbreaking event in 1990 when local
21 Lutheran churches ordained two lesbian ministers and one gay minister, and;

22 WHEREAS, the Saint John Coltrane Church will, in the finest sense of Christian
23 charity, return the favor extended them by St. Paulus in the year 2000 by housing the
24 congregants of St. Paulus for Sunday services while a new facility is constructed at its historic
25 homestead at Gough and Eddy Streets; and,

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1 WHEREAS, Saint Paulus Lutheran Church is being reborn as a “church without walls”
2 to continue its ministries directly in the neighborhood to “celebrate the real and life-giving
3 presence of God in the places where people really live”; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
5 hereby commends the Saint Paulus Lutheran Church on its rebirth as a church without walls;
6 and, be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
8 Francisco hereby commends and the Saint John W. Coltrane African Orthodox Church for its
9 hospitality in providing worship space for the congregants of St. Paulus.
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