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[Commending Eugene Coleman for his dedication and exemplary service to the residents of San Francisco and Proclaiming February 21, 2006 Eugene Coleman Day in San Francisco.]

Resolution commending Eugene Coleman for his dedication and exemplary service to the residents of San Francisco and proclaiming February 21, 2006 as Eugene Coleman Day in San Francisco.

WHEREAS, Eugene Coleman received an Honorable Discharge for serving his country in the United States Army's 101st Airborne Division from 1956 through 1959; and,

WHEREAS, Eugene Coleman received his Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from Findlay College, Ohio, in 1964; and,

WHEREAS, Eugene Coleman began a lifetime of professional public service in Ohio as a Social Worker, Supervisor of Employment Field Coaches, and Executive Director of Project Impact; and,

WHEREAS, Eugene Coleman continued his work on behalf of our most vulnerable and neediest residents in Southern California, first as a Probation Officer in Los Angeles County and later as a Community Liaison between the City of Inglewood and its citizens; and.

WHEREAS, In 1972 Eugene Coleman began over three decades of tireless work for San Francisco's residents as Director of Emergency School Assistance Program at the Western Addition Community Center, where he served mostly African-American and Japanese youth; and,

WHEREAS, For over a decade Eugene Coleman served as Executive Director of the Canon Kip Community House in the South of Market, a multi-service neighborhood center that served a diverse senior, family, and youth population; and,

WHEREAS, In his time at Canon Kip Community House, Eugene Coleman ran the city's first senior para-transit program; and,

WHEREAS, Since 1984 Eugene Coleman has provided exemplary service as an employee of the City and County of San Francisco, first as an Ombudsperson and Senior Planner at the San Francisco Department of City Planning and then, for the past eighteen years, as Deputy Director of the Mayor's Office of Community Development; and,

WHEREAS, Eugene Coleman has gone above and beyond the call of duty in his work for the City and County of San Francisco, serving on the City-Wide Alcoholism Advisory Board, the Local Homeless Coordinating Board, and the Mayor's Affordable Housing Task Force, among others; and,

WHEREAS, In his work for the City and County of San Francisco, Eugene Coleman has overseen the successful implementation of housing, land use, economic development, employment and training, and social service programs; and,

WHEREAS, Eugene Coleman has coupled his professionalism and fiscal responsibility for a department that allocates millions of dollars annually to community organizations with a calm, open, warm, positive demeanor; and,

WHEREAS, In addition to his professional work, Eugene Coleman has offered an endless supply of his own time, energy, and heart to numerous San Francisco community based organizations that work to improve the quality of life for all of our residents, including Baker Places, St. Anthony's Foundation, 409 House, and the Friendship House Association of American Indians, among others; and,

WHEREAS, Through his work with leading African-American organizations, including the Black Leadership Forum, Bay Area Association of Black Social Workers, and Black Men of Action, Eugene Coleman has demonstrated an unshakable commitment to the African-American community; and,

WHEREAS, Throughout his professional and personal life, Eugene Coleman has always led by example, inspiring those around him to work and serve with intellect, energy, and compassion; and,

WHEREAS, Eugene Coleman has shown an extraordinary capacity to see the best in each person, to display personal kindness and compassion, to be sensitive to people of all cultures and races, and to lead with humor and charm; and,

WHEREAS, Eugene Coleman's lifetime of service was recently recognized through the naming of 85 units of low-income senior housing at Mission Bay in his honor; and,

WHEREAS, Eugene Coleman is set to retire from the City and County of San Francisco after decades of honorable and passionate public service; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors commends and honors Eugene Coleman for all of his dedication and exemplary service to the residents of San Francisco, particularly those most in need; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims the 21<sup>st</sup> of February as Eugene Coleman Day in San Francisco.



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## Resolution

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February 28, 2006 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Daly, Elsbernd, Ma, Maxwell, McGoldrick,

Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval

Absent: 1 - Dufty

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on February 28, 2006 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

3.10.06

Date Approved

Mayor Gavin Newsom

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