

1 [Honoring the life of Mary Rogers]

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3 **Resolution honoring the life of Mary Rogers for 40 years of community service to San**
4 **Francisco fighting for the rights of a community.**

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6 WHEREAS, Mary Rogers dedicated her life to fighting for affordable housing for
7 African Americans and the residents of the Western Addition; and

8 WHEREAS, Mary Rogers was born in Hilsboro, Texas on March 8, 1925 and moved to
9 San Francisco in 1965, where she answered the call to activism when faced with racism while
10 trying to rent a home in the city; and,

11 WHEREAS, Mary Rogers, while raising 12 children, fought tirelessly and timelessly for
12 all children and families in the Western Addition, helping to organize WACO,WAPAC and the
13 Western Addition CAC; and,

14 WHEREAS, Mary Rogers stood up to the Redevelopment Agency and blocked
15 bulldozers on behalf of all people, but especially the African American community ; and,

16 WHEREAS, Mary Rogers turned over tables at Raphael Weill elementary school and
17 demanded quality education for all children, fighting the school district and helping develop
18 the concept for the parent liaison position that exists today, and,

19 WHEREAS, Mary Rogers fed not only the soul and mind of her community, but spent
20 countless hours making rolls from scratch, frying chicken and opening her doors to those who
21 were in need, even when her own needs, at times were greater than those she helped; and

22 WHEREAS, Mary Rogers passed on March 3, 2006 after a long battle with cancer,
23 now, therefore be it

24 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
25 honor the life of Mary Rogers and proclaim Saturday March 11, 2006 as Mary Rogers Day.