

1 [Commending Shanghai Pride Week as China’s first gay pride festival, and recognizing its
2 organizers and the Chinese Government]

3 **Resolution commending Shanghai Pride Week as China’s first gay pride festival, and**
4 **recognizing its organizers and the Chinese Government for their role in its actualization.**

5 WHEREAS, Shanghai Pride Week took place the week of June 7 to 14, 2009 as
6 China’s first gay pride festival; and,

7 WHEREAS, Shanghai Pride Week symbolizes the steady growth and progress of the
8 LGBT community in China; and,

9 WHEREAS, Homosexuality was frequently charged under “hooliganism” laws in China
10 until 1997, and was described officially as a mental illness until 2001; and,

11 WHEREAS, The essential role of the Chinese government in allowing the realization of
12 Shanghai Pride Week marks forward progress in acceptance towards LGBT Chinese citizens;
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14 WHEREAS, Official statistics from China estimate the number of gay men and women
15 to be around 30 million, or just under 3% of the population; and,

16 WHEREAS, The main organizers of Shanghai Pride, Tiffany Lemay and Hannah Miller,
17 are two American women who have lived in Shanghai for a few years; and,

18 WHEREAS, They worked in collaboration with an international team including Dylan
19 Chen, Kenneth Tan, Henry Rahardja, Charlene Liu, John Wheeler and Phil Osbourne; and,

20 WHEREAS, Shanghai Pride was organized with their hope to offer Shanghai’s gay
21 population the chance to be a little more visible and to know that they are welcomed and
22 accepted; and,
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1 WHEREAS, Shanghai Pride was commended in the China Daily state newspaper as
2 “sending a strong signal to the 1.3 billion Chinese about greater acceptance and tolerance”;
3 now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of San Francisco commends Shanghai
5 Pride Week as China’s first gay pride festival; and, be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of San Francisco recognizes
7 the Government of China for its role in the actualization of Shanghai Pride Week and
8 encourages its growing support for future Shanghai Pride events and the LGBT community;
9 and, be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of San Francisco recognizes
11 Tiffany Lemay, Hannah Miller and the entire team of Shanghai Pride organizers for their
12 dedicated work to the LGBT community in China; and, be it

13 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors is requested to
14 transmit a copy of this resolution to the Consul General for China to San Francisco, to the
15 Ambassador for China to the United States as well as to Shanghai Pride.

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