

1 [Wen Ho Lee]
2 COMMENDING THE MEMBERS OF THE WEN HO LEE DEFENSE FUND FOR THEIR
3 TIRELESS ORGANIZING EFFORTS IN WORKING TO FREE WEN HO LEE,
4 CONGRATULATING WEN HO LEE FOR HIS COURAGE IN THE FACE OF INJUSTICE,
5 AND URGING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE A FULL EXPLANATION AS TO
6 THE SELECTIVE PROSECUTION OF WEN HO LEE AND THE EXTREMELY HARSH
7 CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH HE WAS DETAINED.

8 WHEREAS, Wen Ho Lee was held in solitary confinement and denied
9 bail for nine months, charged with 59 counts of mishandling
10 classified information and violating secrecy provisions of the Atomic
11 Energy Act, violations that could have carried a life sentence; and,

12 WHEREAS, The Justice Department, Federal Bureau of Investigation
13 and Energy Department justified the due process and other civil
14 rights violations alleging that Wen Ho Lee held the "crown jewels" of
15 U.S. nuclear secrets, characterizing Dr. Lee as a spy and national
16 security threat; and,

17 WHEREAS, On September 13, 2000, Wen Ho Lee was released by U.S.
18 District Judge James Parker, who accepted Dr. Lee's guilty plea to a
19 single count of mishandling nuclear secrets and dismissed the 58
20 other counts of the indictment after a defense expert testified most
21 of the downloaded information was public and an FBI agent
22 acknowledged giving incorrect testimony that made Wen Ho Lee appear
23 deceptive; and,

24 WHEREAS, Judge Parker acknowledged the injustice in Wen Ho Lee's
25 treatment, apologizing to him for "the unfair manner you were held by

1 the executive branch"; and,

2 WHEREAS, During Wen Ho Lee's confinement, a coalition of civil
3 rights and Asian American activists, spearheaded by the Wen Ho Lee
4 Defense Fund, emerged to keep the unfair treatment and continuing
5 civil rights violations in the public eye and to lend support to Dr.
6 Lee and his family; and,

7 WHEREAS, The community has long decried the selective
8 prosecution of Wen Ho Lee as a case of racial profiling and the
9 espionage allegations as tied to Wen Ho Lee's ethnic background; and,

10 WHEREAS, President Clinton has now echoed the concerns expressed
11 by the Asian American community in asking for an explanation of the
12 unusually harsh treatment of Wen Ho Lee during his detention; now
13 therefore be it,

14 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County
15 of San Francisco hereby commends the members of the Wen Ho Lee
16 Defense Fund for their tireless organizing efforts in working to free
17 Wen Ho Lee; and be it,

18 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and
19 County of San Francisco hereby congratulates Wen Ho Lee for his
20 courage in the face of injustice; and be it,

21 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and
22 County of San Francisco hereby urges the federal government to
23 provide a full explanation as to the selective prosecution of Wen Ho
24 Lee and the extremely harsh conditions under which he was detained.

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SUPERVISORS TENG, AMMIANO, YAKI, BECERRIL, Leno, Bierman, Brown
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Resolution

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Resolution commending the members of the Wen Ho Lee Defense Fund for their tireless organizing efforts in working to free Wen Ho Lee, congratulating Wen Ho Lee for his courage in the face of injustice, and urging the federal government to provide a full explanation as to the selective prosecution of Wen Ho Lee and the extremely harsh conditions under which he was detained.

September 25, 2000 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 6 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Katz, Leno, Yaki

Absent: 5 - Brown, Kaufman, Newsom, Teng, Yee

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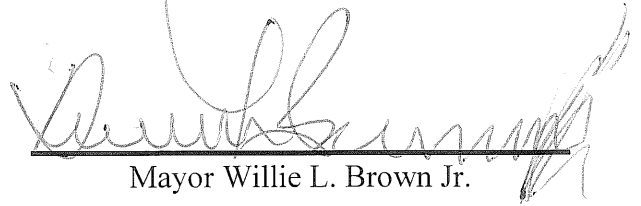
I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on September 25, 2000 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.



Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved



Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.