

[Recognizing the memory of the legendary San Francisco Entertainer Sylvester.]

**Resolution recognizing the historic performance by Sylvester at the San Francisco Opera House on March 11, 1979 and commend those who will use their political, spiritual and performing arts gifts on March 22, 2004 at the Herbst Theatre in the San Francisco War Memorial Performing Arts Center to donate funds and raise the consciousness of the community in the fight against the AIDS pandemic in Africa by proclaiming March 22, 2004 as SYLVESTER Day in the City and County of San Francisco.**

WHEREAS, The love of humanity and passion for freedom and justice have been demonstrated in San Francisco through the fullest spectrum of the spiritual, the political and the performing arts; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco has earned international respect for developing an environment where all people can celebrate their unique talents, their love of humanity and their passion for freedom and justice; and

WHEREAS, That full spectrum of the spiritual, the political and the performing arts came together 25 years ago on March 11, 1979 with "Living Proof," starring the legendary entertainer, Sylvester, at the San Francisco Opera House; and

WHEREAS, "Living Proof," through a recording released by Fantasy Records and the attendance of thousands of San Franciscans, became a defining moment in the history of the gay liberation movement; and

WHEREAS, This evening of entertainment would be remembered for bringing together the talents of Sylvester, Martha Wash, Izora Rhodes, Jeannie Tracy, Patrick Cowley, Tip

1 Wirrick, Bob Kingston, Kelvin Dixon, Eric Robinson, Marty Blecman, John Hedges, Sharon  
2 Humes and members of the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra; and

3 WHEREAS, "Living Proof," Sylvester, and the many who made the activities of March  
4 11, 1979 at the San Francisco Opera House possible will be remembered through an event on  
5 March 22, 2004 in the Herbst Theatre in the San Francisco War Memorial Performing Arts  
6 Center; and

7 WHEREAS, Martha Wash, Danny Glover, Bishop Yvette Flunder, Edwin Hawkins,  
8 Shirley Miller, Daryl Coley, Emmit Powell and the Gospel Elites, Rev. Sheila Robinson,  
9 Chanticleer and the Children's Choir of Uganda will join together 25 years after the historical  
10 event of 1979 to present "One Voice - Gospel Artists Respond to AIDS," Monday, March 22,  
11 2004, 8:00 p.m.; and

12 WHEREAS, "One Voice - Gospel Artists Respond to AIDS," like "Living Proof," will also  
13 be a significant event to raise community consciousness as funds are donated for distribution  
14 to organizations fighting the AIDS pandemic in South Africa, Ghana, Uganda and Zimbabwe  
15 through the newly established Yvette A. Flunder Foundation"; and

16 WHEREAS, The memory of legendary San Francisco entertainer, Sylvester, 25 years  
17 after his historical concert, will become a source for providing funding resources and technical  
18 assistance to people infected with HIV/AIDS in countries hampered by governmental  
19 misinformation, lack of technical and medical information, and necessary medicines; and now  
20 therefore be it

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22 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San  
23 Francisco hereby recognizes the significant contributions; and be it

24 FURTHER RESOLVED, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors and the people of the  
25 City and County of San Francisco celebrate and acknowledge the historic performance by

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