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[Honoring Naomi Lauter, Executive Director of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee]

RECOGNIZING THE LEADERSHIP AND DEDICATION OF NAOMI LAUTER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE AMERICAN ISRAEL PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, The American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) is the only organization whose primary mission is to educate political leaders across the country about the importance of the partnership and friendship between the United States and Israel; and,

WHEREAS, With 55,000 members, from all 50 states, AIPAC organizes Congressional caucuses and mobilizes local citizens to attend meetings, write letters and meet with their Representatives and Senators; and,

WHEREAS, Naomi Lauter's involvement with AIPAC began in 1958, when she and her husband Bob put together a small meeting for AIPAC's founder and director, Sy Kenen; and,

WHEREAS, A few years later, Naomi and Bob Lauter assembled the first-ever Bay Area group of Republicans and Democrats willing to be active in promoting pro-Israel legislation; and,

WHEREAS, In the 1960s and early 1970s, this core AIPAC group expanded to over a hundred Jewish community leaders; and,

WHEREAS, In 1983, AIPAC's Executive Director Tom Dine asked Naomi Lauter to serve as the organization's first Regional Director, responsible for organizing Northern California's congressional districts; and,

WHEREAS, By 1984, AIPAC's Pacific Northwest Region had expanded to encompass Alaska, Oregon, Northern Nevada, and Washington State; and,

WHEREAS, As Regional Director, Lauter's vision was to build AIPAC into a powerful national organization sustained by its grassroots network; and,

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WHEREAS, Lauter worked to ensure that every Congressperson had a relationship with local pro-Israel activists and encouraged general political activism from the pro-Israel community; and,

WHEREAS, Lauter has worked with over 200 different elected officials on issues related to Israel; and,

WHEREAS, Having founded the AIPAC Young Leadership Development Program, Lauter can take credit for inspiring and encouraging numerous local leaders; and,

WHEREAS, For over 40 years, the Jewish and pro-Israel communities have been honored by Lauter's leadership and unwavering commitment; and,

WHEREAS, Lauter's dedication has inspired hundreds of AIPAC activists, empowering individuals from the most urban cities to the most rural towns to build relationships with their elected officials; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors honors Naomi Lauter for her many years of dedication, vision and compassion; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco commends her many accomplishments at AIPAC and her perseverance in building a powerful pro-Israel grassroots network in the Pacific Northwest.



City and County of San Francisco

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Resolution

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Resolution recognizing the leadership and dedication of Naomi Lauter, Executive Director of the American Israel Public Affairs.

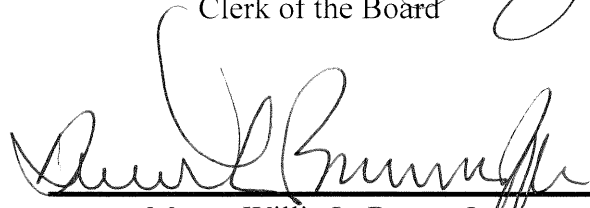
November 23, 1998 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Medina, Newsom, Teng, Yaki, Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on November 23, 1998 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

  
Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board

  
Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.

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Date Approved