

1 [Commending the Octagon House on its 150th Anniversary]

2 **Resolution commending the Octagon House on its 150th Anniversary in 2011.**

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4 WHEREAS, The Octagon House was constructed in 1861 by William McElroy and
5 celebrated its 150th anniversary celebration on April 13, 2011; and

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7 WHEREAS, The Octagon House survived the 1906 earthquake despite severe
8 damage to the façade and survived the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake entirely unscathed; and

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10 WHEREAS, When the structure was threatened with demolition in 1952, the National
11 Society of Colonial Dames purchased Octagon House from PG&E for \$1 plus moving costs
12 and lifted and moved it across Gough street to a plot of donated land; and

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14 WHEREAS, In its unique structural beauty, urban location and importance to the
15 diverse San Francisco communities, it won the 1993 Beautification Award for most beautiful
16 institution; and

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18 WHEREAS, The National Society of Colonial Dames designated the Octagon House
19 as a Great American Treasure, and the City and County of San Francisco designated it as a
20 historical landmark in 1968, and it received a place on the National Register of Historic Places
21 in 1972; and

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23 WHEREAS, In 1882 Daniel O’Connell, poet, journalist and co-founder of San
24 Francisco’s internationally famed Bohemian Club, rented Octagon House; and

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26 WHEREAS, The Octagon House holds a special place in San Francisco’s heart and
27 rich narrative; now, therefore, be it

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29 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco officially recognizes the
30 Octagon House as a staple of San Francisco’s history and tradition; and, be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco commends the
2 Octagon House for its 150th Anniversary Celebration on April 13, 2011.

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