

1 [Commending The Volunteer Center]

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3 **Resolution commending the Volunteer Center for their efforts in the Cosco Busan oil**
4 **spill clean-up.**

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6 WHEREAS, The Volunteer Center serving San Francisco and San Mateo Counties
7 assists individuals in supporting their communities and attaining personal and professional
8 growth through community involvement; and

9 WHEREAS, Through partnerships with nonprofit organizations, local government,
10 schools, and businesses, The Volunteer Center acts as a catalyst for ensuring that every
11 person has the opportunity to be a powerful, contributing community member; and,

12 WHEREAS, A pioneer in the field of volunteerism, The Volunteer Center is guided by
13 the overarching goal of improving local communities; and,

14 WHEREAS, In partnership with local government and other key disaster responders,
15 The Volunteer Center stands ready to mobilize and deploy spontaneous volunteers in the
16 event of a disaster; and,

17 WHEREAS, On November 7, 2007, the Cosco Busan container ship crashed into the
18 base of a tower of the Bay Bridge's western span and spilled 58,000 gallons of fuel into the
19 San Francisco Bay; and,

20 WHEREAS, Hundreds of volunteers were called upon for their service and dedication
21 to restore San Francisco's beaches damaged by the spill; and,

22 WHEREAS, The Volunteer Center played an integral role in planning and implementing
23 specialized oil spill volunteer trainings and recruited volunteers to participate in clean-ups;
24 now, therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
2 commends The Volunteer Center for their support in the clean-up of San Francisco's coastal
3 areas after the Cosco Busan oil spill.

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