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6 WHEREAS, Sensei Keiko Fukuda achieved the incredible milestone of 93 years old
7 on April 12th after practicing the martial art judo, an art in which technique and balance rather
8 than power are the key to victory, for 70 years; and

9 WHEREAS, In 2001 Sensei Keiko Fukuda received a red belt from the US Judo
10 Federation in recognition of her lifelong contributions both domestic and international to the
11 martial arts; and

12 WHEREAS, The US Judo Federation awarded only three red belts, one to Sensei
13 Keiko Fukuda and two to men, making Sensei Keiko Fukuda the highest ranking female
14 judoist in the world; and

15 WHEREAS, At the 1964 Olympic Games in Japan Sensei Keiko Fukuda received
16 world wide recognition demonstrating her art when Judo first debuted as an Olympic sport;
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18 WHEREAS, Sensei Keiko Fukuda was honored as the National Living Treasure of
19 Japan by the Emperor of Japan in 1990; and

20 WHEREAS, In 1973 Sensei Keiko Fukuda opened her studio, Soko Joshi Judo Club,
21 located at 26th Street and Castro Street where she inspires her students with her motto “Be
22 strong, be gentle, be beautiful”; and

23 WHEREAS, Sensei Keiko Fukuda has become a revered role model and an inspiration
24 especially within the Women’s community, for her dedication to her art as well as her devotion
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1 to her students many of whom travel significant distances to attend classes at her studio;
2 now, therefore be it

3 RESOLVED, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors recognizes the remarkable
4 career of Sensei Keiko Fukuda; and be it

5 FURTHER RESOLVED, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors honors Sensei
6 Keiko Fukuda on the occasion of her 93rd birthday.

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