

1 [Full Citizenship for members of the Armed Forces.]

2 **Resolution urging the President of the United States of America to take actions**  
3 **necessary to guarantee the awarding of full American citizenship to every man and**  
4 **woman serving in the United States Armed Forces in the War in Iraq or upon their**  
5 **favorable discharge from the Armed Forces.**  
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7 WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Jose Guterrez was one of the first two American soldiers  
8 killed in the war in Iraq on March 21, 2003; and,

9 WHEREAS, Posthumously, Jose Guterrez was granted full American Citizenship for  
10 his courage and bravery to defend the freedoms of the United States and similar rights of  
11 freedom for all people worldwide; and,

12 WHEREAS, Our Armed Forces are made up of many fine men and women who are  
13 not fully naturalized citizens of the Unites States; and,

14 WHEREAS, The United States of America should recognize the courage of those  
15 individuals that step into the line of fire on behalf of America by awarding them full citizenship;  
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17 WHEREAS, At the funeral of Lance Corporal Guterrez, Cardinal Roger Mahoney  
18 announced that he had forwarded a letter to the President of the United States urging him to  
19 provided full citizenship for those serving in the War in Iraq or who are favorably discharged  
20 from the Armed Forces; and,

21 WHEREAS, Cardinal Mahoney’s letters stated “. . . there is something terribly wrong  
22 with our immigration policies if it takes death on the battlefield to earn citizenship;” and,  
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1           WHEREAS, During Cardinal Mahoney’s homily, he remarked that our armed forces “.  
2 . . should not have to wait until they are dead and brought home in a casket to give them the  
3 citizenship they deserve;” now, therefore, be it

4           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
5 urges the President of the United States of America to take actions necessary to guarantee  
6 the awarding of full American citizenship to every man and woman serving in the United  
7 States Armed Forces in the War in Iraq or upon their favorable discharge from the Armed  
8 Forces.

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